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# **University Hosting Biden Think Tank Gets Millions From Unnamed Chinese Donors**

The disturbing connection between Biden and Communist China continues to become more apparent as the full extent of the money trail flowing from Beijing comes to light.

The University of Pennsylvania's Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement is an important think tank for the Biden team, serving as a "home base" at which Joe Biden's advisers can find a job and collect a paycheck during the years he's out of government. Notably, 10 people who would go on to join the Biden White House, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl, worked at the center.



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It is of enormous consequence for American national security, then, that the University of Pennsylvania, and by extension the Penn Biden Center, received millions of dollars from anonymous Chinese donors in 2021. In addition, 10 classified documents were found at the think tank.

As the <u>Free Beacon</u> notes, the University of Pennsylvania took in \$51 million in foreign funding in 2021. That included \$14 million from China and Hong Kong; \$2.4 million from Saudi Arabia; and \$1 million from the Cayman Islands specifically gifted to the Penn Wharton China program.

And this is on top of the \$61 million Chinese donors gave to the University of Pennsylvania between 2017 and 2020.

Whereas Department of Education records used to include the names of foreign donors in addition to the amount and source country, the department under Biden has adopted the practice of omitting the names.

"The Department of Education's policy of hiding the identities of foreign entities showering our universities with billions of dollars is promoting a toxic brew of dark money and corruption," Tom Anderson, director of the National Legal and Policy Center's (NLPC) Government Integrity Project, told the *Free Beacon*.

The university maintains that the money from foreign donors isn't earmarked and that the Biden think tank is funded by general school funds.

Notably, UPenn received \$3 million from a mysterious Hong Kong-based shell company called the Nice Famous Corporation Limited in 2020. The company is owned by a Shanghai businessman who is intimately aligned with the Chinese government.

Meanwhile, the new GOP Congress is closely looking at the revelation that 10 classified documents were found at the think tank.



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The *Philadelphia Inquirer* reports:

The head of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee wrote to Penn president Liz Magill Wednesday demanding information about an increase in Chinese donations to the university after the formation of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement in 2017. The letter comes after classified documents were recently found at the center's offices in Washington, D.C., an issue that is now the focus of GOP critics.

The House Republicans are seeking documents, visitor logs, and other information associated with alleged donations from China. They say they are concerned about foreign influence at Penn and the Biden Center, given the discovery of the classified documents.

And Oversight Chairman Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.) wrote a letter in which he declared that "The American people deserve to know whether the Chinese Communist Party, through Chinese companies, influenced potential Biden administration policies with large, anonymous donations to UPenn and the Penn Biden Center."

It has now been made public that Joe Biden was mentioned in an October 2017 email seeking to confirm a <u>multimillion-dollar deal</u> to send natural gas from the United States to China, as seen within correspondence found on Hunter Biden's laptop.

As the *Daily Mail* originally reported:

In October 2017, Hunter and his uncle - Joe's brother Jim Biden - were brokering a multimillion dollar deal to supply gas from Louisiana to the country on behalf of their business partners, Chinese energy giant CEFC.

At the time Joe Biden had finished his term as vice president and had yet to announce any plans to run for president in 2020.

A Louisiana-based lawyer on the other side of the deal wrote in an October 27, 2017 email that he had arranged "a call from Joe Biden and Hunter Biden on Monday morning to discuss the purchase of the 5 million tons of gas."

In this deal, the Bidens were the go-between for CEFC and Cheniere Energy in Louisiana. Not surprisingly, top Cheniere officials have been part of Biden's inner circle, with Joe Biden hiring former Cheniere board member Heather Zichal as his campaign climate adviser in 2020 and former Cheniere lobbyist and vice president Ankit Desai as his political director in 2005.

Biden, of course, has earned a reputation for enabling China's unrestricted warfare against the United States. Last year, he infamously <u>sold</u> nearly one million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to a Chinese state-owned firm in which his son Hunter's equity company held a \$1.7 billion stake. That was at a time when sky-high gas prices were causing suffering for households across America.

And under Biden, human smuggling along the southern border has increased significantly — bringing in \$13 billion in July (compared to only \$500 million in 2018). Moreover, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has reported a 206-percent increase in seized fentanyl along the southern border since 2020.



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The dereliction of duty at the border is allowing the Mexican drug cartels to <u>work with China</u> to flood American cities with fentanyl and other deadly drugs.

According to Derek Maltz, the former chief of special operations of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Beijing is "using the cartels as a proxy to destroy and destabilize our country."

In that vein, the CCP is also using America's own president to that same end.



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