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## Australian foreign policy hostage to neo-cons who want war with China

Like a toy Poodle yapping at a Rottweiler from beneath its owner's skirt, Australia's chief bureaucrat this week decided to patronise and gratuitously insult China—the world's biggest nation and economy, upon which Australia is completely dependent for trade.

China, as any other nation, is not above criticism; however, Michael Thawley, Tony Abbott's choice as head of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, didn't simply "criticise" China.

Instead, he delivered the message that China—despite thousands of years of history—"wasn't ready" to take a leadership role for the world.

"China won't help you produce a solution," Thawley said to the Crawford Australian Leadership Forum at the Australian National University. "China will get in the way or get out of the way. ... [I]t's not willing or able to play a serious global leadership role."

He expanded, "China wasn't ready to take on the responsibility either economically or politically or security-wise. While China wasn't ready to attempt to create a new international order, it certainly wasn't interested in endorsing the present one."

### Dangerous 'allies'

Of course, Thawley wasn't expressing the original thoughts of an Australian Sir Humphrey Appleby. As a former ambassador to the United States during the Bush-Cheney regime, and top executive at one of the largest global investment funds—the institutions that wield real power in the trans-Atlantic financial system—he was speaking on behalf of the neo-con gang of Anglo-American war criminals whose self-appointed leadership of the world achieved: the illegal invasion of Iraq on a concocted lie; the meltdown of the global financial system in 2008; and the "regime change" disasters across North Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe that have led to both the rise of ISIS, and a strategic face-off with China and Russia that has the world on the brink of a thermonuclear world war.

These neo-cons view the rise of China from the standpoint of then US Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's 1992 declaration that American post-Cold War foreign policy would henceforth be geared to heading off the rise of *any rival military or economic power*. The Cheney doctrine, amounting to a declaration that the world would thereafter be "unipolar" with just one superpower, was aimed squarely at China. During the Clinton years Cheney's neo-cons formed the Project for the New American Century think tank, from which the Bush-Cheney regime drew its key personnel in 2001 as it embarked on its war agenda, in lockstep with the British government of Tony Blair.

The late former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser sought to expose this imperial war faction and their hold on Australia in his 2014 book *Dangerous Allies*, in which he made the point that Australia is allied to the US for security, but we only need such security because of our alliance with the war-intent USA and their British co-conspirators.



### BRICS

Thawley's insult was premised on the fraud that China will automatically want to dominate the world—a projection of the British imperial mindset on to a Chinese culture where it doesn't fit.

China's actual global agenda, which the neo-cons do understand and hysterically fear, is on display in the emerging alliance of the BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa. The BRICS explicitly reject the unipolar world of the Cheney doctrine, and are forging an alliance based on respect for national sovereignty and collaborative economic development that they intend will become the template for a new international economic order. China repeatedly emphasises the "win-win" potential of collaborative economic development, and backs up its rhetoric with tangible water, power and transportation infrastructure projects in far-flung developing nations in Africa and South America that provide real benefits for the local populations, as well as economic prospects for China. For the former European colonies benefitting from these projects, they are a welcome change from centuries of looting and gun-boat diplomacy.

As a sign of good faith, China opened its new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to all nations, including the US; by contrast, US President Barack Obama is seeking to impose on the Asia-Pacific a sinister corporate looting regime called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which pointedly excludes China.

The reality is that China is already exercising global leadership through the BRICS and AIIB, just not according to the same geopolitical mindset which governs Thawley and his cronies. China has repeatedly told Australia not to pick "sides", but act independently in our own interest; Thawley expressed the opposing, geopolitical mindset when he urged Australia to maximise its military power and concluded, "Given that we think in my view that US leadership is going to be crucial in the period ahead, we ought to maximise our capacity to influence US strategy and to make sure it maintains its alliance commitments."

Australians: if you don't want the architects of the Iraq war to manipulate us into war with China, which will turn into a nuclear exchange in which we are a target, join the CEC's fight to make Australia a truly independent nation, free to collaborate with nations such as the BRICS on economic development projects that will revive our economy and create prosperity for future generations.

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