

## Twitter Thread by J Michael Waller



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**1) Top US intelligence expert on China explains how CCP combines spying with political influence operations by targeting "soft targets" like politicians.**

**@neftimiades**

2) The Chinese op against [@ericswalwell](#) "showed how the Chinese regime is willing to invest in the long game—targeting local officials who might become state or national representatives years down the line. It's a strategy ... that 'can really be devastating to another country.'"

3) "By targeting politicians, Fang was gaining access to those who might shape the United States' policies toward China.

"When you have access to that, why do you need classified information?' [@neftimiades](#) said."