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Xi Jinping's speech at Davos boiled down to: The world has no choice but to do business with China, and if you want to do business with China, you need to stop criticizing our tyranny and questioning our lies about the

Xi's address to the World Economic Forum will serve as well as any other moment for historians to mark the beginning of the Authoritarian Era. He said nothing new, but he restated the narratives and demands of Chinese fascism from a post-pandemic position of aggressive strength.

For the first time, Xi spoke to a world that is beginning to accept the tenets of authoritarianism, thanks to the incredible political and economic damage from China's coronavirus. China's ideals have become as viral as Covid-19.

Thanks to the pandemic, the political elites of the world now universally see their citizens as dangerous mobs that must be tightly controlled for their own good. Most of them always thought that way, but now they can say it openly and act aggressively on their prejudices.

Xi clearly stated that China will not be contained, censured, or judged for its actions. He denounced Western ideals of human rights as "arrogance" and imperialism. After Covid and Biden's inauguration, he sees no nation with the strength or will to thwart China's ambitions.

But the more sinister undercurrent of Xi's speech was that Western nations are foolish to cling to their antiquated notions of human rights, including capitalism and political freedom. Chinese fascism is the logical alternative. The pandemic "proved" it.

Xi was asserting - not unreasonably - that fascism is the key to aggressively promoting national interests while thriving in the age of so-called "globalism." Only a fascist government can get away with spouting globalist cant while acting as ruthless nationalists.

In one passage of his speech, Xi - the absolute dictator-for-life of the world's most dangerous and aggressive power - denounced "bullying"... and then he filled the airspace around Taiwan with nuclear-capable bombers. It's breathtakingly shameless.

The point Xi made is that he, a fascist dictator, can burble garbage about climate change to globalist elites at their "world economic forum" while littering the Third World with dirty coal plants. He can threaten to attack his neighbors while cooing about "multilateralism."

But "free" nations can't do those things. Their governments get torn to shreds by domestic political opponents, activists, and politicized media both at home and abroad if they try - in other words, the obstacles authoritarian leaders don't have to worry about.

Xi's Davos address was a victory lap for authoritarianism as the heavyweight champion ideology of the globalist era, and he was speaking to an appreciative audience. After Covid, authoritarianism is THE hot product on the social, political, and economic marketplaces.

And now that he speaks from a position of unchallenged strength, Xi wants to force the world to compromise its principles by accepting Chinese oppression. There may be a few theatrical grumbles, but no more tariffs or sanctions. No more disagreements in PRINCIPLE.

What remaining nation or leader has both the strength and confidence to argue with the principles of Chinese fascism? If you're banning free speech, nationalizing your economy, and criminalizing political dissent, you're already walking Xi's path. He's just further ahead. /end