



The Courage to Be Hated

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Scapegoating China has become such a convenience for politicians in the US, if not the whole West, when they need to divert attention away from domestic tension. The question is: why all this hostility against China? Some say it's the Thucydides' Trap. Today, we'll look at it from a slightly different perspective.

In social economics, there is a term called the Hand Formula. Simply explained, it is used to determine which side to hold major responsibility when a crisis strikes between two parties. According to the



formula, whoever finds it less costly to avoid the conflict should be held responsible.

Such a formula, originally named after a US judge, is widely applied in the field of law. For example, in a rear-end collision, usually the driver in the back is liable for the damages, because it's apparently easier for him or her to spot the danger and put on the brake than the one driving in the front.

Now let's see how this formula explains the way China is viewed by the US and some other Western countries.

In the past four decades, China has grown into the world's second largest economy thanks to all the hard work done by the Chinese people. In the last 10 years, our country has even appeared to be outpacing the US in the development of high-tech, internet, and infrastructure. Try to think of it as a class. When the bottom-ranked student worked really hard and rose to second place, it's understandable that the top student of the class should feel threatened.

To keep his place, the top student should either work harder himself or, ideally, have his rival work less hard. And apparently it's easier for the second place to be less hard-working than the other way round, so when tensions emerge in the class, the top student would naturally blame the person who has the most potential to outscore her or him.

To be disliked for working too hard seems to be something we are all experiencing every once in a while. So is China. It shouldn't be a reason for us to be distracted, and neither do we need to feel angry about it. There is nothing wrong with working hard.

Core Module of The Space Station

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A Long March-5B rocket carrying the space station and its core module blasted off from the Wenchang Space Launch Center in Hainan at 11:23 am on April 29. China has successfully launched the implementation phase of its space station construction mission. China is scheduled to complete the construction of a space station in orbit by 2022.

China sent into space the core module of its space station on April 29, kicking off a series of key launch missions that aim to complete the construction of the station by the end of next year. The Long March-5B Y2 rocket, carrying the Tianhe module, blasted off from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Hainan province at 11:23 am.

The Chinese space station is a manned space station independently built and operated by China. It consists of three modules: Tianhe core module, Qingtian experimental module and Mengtian experimental module. The Tianhe core module is the management and control center of the space station and the first space station module to be launched into orbit. According to the mission schedule, the space station is scheduled to be completed in

orbit by 2022, which will enable it to conduct long-term manned scientific experiments and technological tests in near-Earth space and comprehensively develop and utilize space resources, thus shifting to the stage of application and development.

With a total length of 16.6 meters, a maximum diameter of 4.2 meters, and a launch mass of 22.5 tons, the space station's core module, named Tianhe, is the management and control center of China's space station. It can support the long-term stay of three astronauts in orbit and support the conduct of space science and technology experiments in and out of the space station.



It is the largest spacecraft China has developed so far.

The core module and the two experimental modules of the Chinese space station are equipped with science experiment cabinets with international standard interfaces for carrying out various kinds of space science experiments. Space applications can be carried out both inside and outside the space station, and the payloads can be replaced in orbit. It is foreseeable that the Chinese space station will become a state-level space laboratory and play an important role in China's space science research and application.

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Laws on The Promotion of Rural Vitalization Newsletter

简讯四则

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The 28th session of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) adopted a 74-article law on rural revitalization, which will take effect on June 1, 2021. The Law on the Promotion of Rural Revitalization has provided a strong legal guarantee for the full implementation of the rural revitalization strategy.

A law on the promotion of rural revitalization was adopted after the third reading at the 28th session of the 13th National People's Congress Standing Committee, providing the country a legal guarantee in pursuit of the rural revitalization strategy. The law containing 74 articles will come into force on June 1, 2021.

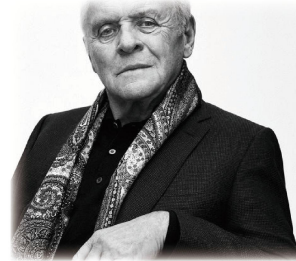
The 14th Five-Year Plan period is the first five-year period in which we embark on a new journey towards the second centenary goal of building a modern socialist country in all respects. To revitalize the nation, rural areas must be revitalized. To comprehensively build a modern socialist country and realize the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, rural areas are still the most formidable and onerous task and the most extensive

and profound foundation for China's development.

The formulation and promulgation of the Law on the Promotion of Rural Revitalization is of great significance to promoting the comprehensive upgrading of agriculture, the all-round progress of rural areas, the all-round development of farmers, the all-round building of a modern socialist country, and the realization of the Chinese Dream of the great renewal of the Chinese nation.

The Law on the Promotion of Rural Revitalization stipulates that rural revitalization should be promoted in a coordinated way in accordance with the general requirements of thriving industries, ecological livability, civilized local customs, effective governance and a well-off life, and that rural economic, political, cultural, social, ecological, and Party building. We will give full play to the unique functions of rural areas in ensuring the supply and food security of agricultural products, protecting the ecological environment, and carrying forward and developing the fine traditional culture of the Chinese nation.

1
Sir Anthony Hopkins has made history (名垂青史) by becoming the oldest person to win an Academy Award for acting (奥斯卡最佳表演奖). He accepted his second Oscar - this time for his role as a man with dementia (失智症) in The Father (《父亲》) - from open countryside. The award had been tipped (被看好) to go to (授予) the late (已故的) Chadwick Boseman, who died in August, aged 43, for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (《蓝调皇后》). Sir Anthony went on to pay tribute (表示敬意) to Boseman, whom he said had been "taken from us far too early".



3
US President Joe Biden has laid out (计划某事) a sweeping (彻底的) investment plan for jobs, education and social care in his first speech to a joint session (联席会议) of Congress. Delivered on the eve (前夕) of his 100th day in office, the Democrat (民主党) pitched (争取) some \$4 trillion in spending - the largest overhaul (改革) of US benefits (福利) since the 1960s, analysts say. He called it a "once in a generation (这代人只会遇到一次) investment in America itself". But the plans face a battle in Congress before they can become law.



4
Bill and Melinda Gates agreed how to divide their property (财产) and assets (资产) before announcing their divorce on Monday, US media report. The billionaire (亿万富翁) couple, who have been married for 27 years, reportedly (据报道) signed a separation contract outlining (概述) how their estate (私有土地) would be split (分割). The couple run (运营) the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (基金会), which has spent billions on charitable causes (慈善事业) around the world.

2
Bubble tea (珍珠奶茶) is following in the footsteps of (跟随某人的脚步) ketchup (番茄酱) and toilet paper. That's right, there's another shortage (短缺) in the US. Bubble tea, a drink that includes a layer of tapioca balls (波霸), or boba, at the bottom, originated in (发源于) Taiwan but has become a popular drink around the world. However, companies are seeing delayed shipments (运输) of boba, as well as the key ingredient (原料) used to make it, tapioca starch (木薯淀粉), according to recent reports. Those delays are causing a shortage and even US-based boba producers will be hit (被冲击).



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Ryo Takeuchi's latest documentary — Beyond the Mountain

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“网红”日本导演竹内亮再上热搜，这次他把镜头对准了四川大凉山。



"I want to be a football star like Wu Lei," one boy said. Some of their parents' views have changed due to poverty relief efforts. In the documentary, they said they want to try to send their children to school and hope they can learn as much as possible so that they can have a better life. These parents said they are longing for more teachers who can boost their children's school grades to come work at local schools.



Japanese film director Ryo Takeuchi (竹内亮) latest documentary, Beyond the Mountain, which was shot last year, has met Chinese audiences this month.

Takeuchi is known for his documentaries about China's efforts in combating the coronavirus, including Long Time No See Wuhan and The Post-Pandemic Era.

This time, his camera was aimed at China's poverty alleviation efforts in Liangshan, Sichuan province, which was officially declared to be out of poverty at the end of last year.

Takeuchi took a train to the mountainous area and got off at a "cliff village" that has become famous through numerous media reports. The director overcame acrophobia (恐高症) to climb the steep express iron stairs that were built in 2020.

The filming crew met with staff at a local bank after finally reaching the cliff village. The bank provides financial services to villagers and staff will also climb up steep mountain paths to allow villagers to enjoy banking services at home.

The director also talked about the

villagers who moved out of the cliff village with the village secretary. The village secretary told him that these villagers have lived in a county under the mountain and their houses were provided by the local government.

Their cameras captured a skill training class in the county, where many Yi (彝族) women dressed in traditional clothing were learning to produce traditional Yi embroidery. Takeuchi chatted with some of the women and discovered they were "immigrants" from the nearby cliff village who were provided with fully furnished free housing.

The documentary also mentions how the government and some Chinese educational institutions are trying to provide more opportunities to local children to help them leave the mountains, like a soccer school co-established by one education institution and the top Spanish soccer club Real Madrid that aims to send children who show some aptitude for the sport to Spain for further training.

What's Summer like?

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Summer always has its color changing all the time. Opening windows on a summer morning, greeting the first ray of sunshine can always make people feel comfortable. The noon of summer is the most difficult time in a summer day. Walking on the road under high temperature always makes us anxious. Sitting in an air-conditioned room or in a daze, watching the sun west ramp enables us to be calm and cool. Summer evening is the most variable moment in a day. Facing the window, watching the pedestrians in different poses and with different expressions, is also a kind of enjoyment of life.



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Cliff Walkers

—A Movie in Praise of Nameless Heroes

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导语:《悬崖之上》作为“五一档”的大热影片,惊心动魄的故事里饱含着中国电影人对为了新中国抛头颅洒热血的无名英雄们的礼赞。

Renowned director Zhang Yimou (张艺谋)'s first espionage(间谍) movie, Cliff Walkers(悬崖之上), has soared as one of the highest-grossing blockbusters during the May Day holiday.

Set in the Japanese-occupied puppet state of “Manchukuo” in the early 1930s, the story follows four Soviet Union - trained Chinese agents attempting to sneak into Harbin(哈尔滨), the capital of Heilongjiang(黑龙江) province, to rescue an escapee from a camp where the Japanese are conducting lethal(致命的) experiments on prisoners.

During his recent interviews with the popular video platforms Bilibili and Douyin, Zhang says he has always been interested to step into new genres, as he believes the Chinese film industry needs to expand the variety of genre movies to match its massive market scale.

Despite spy films being a popular genre in world cinema, China's silver screens have, in contrast, generally depended on action blockbusters or comedies. Highlighting the fact that The Message — a 2009 Chinese espionage movie starring Zhou Xun and Li Bingbing — was a box-office success, Zhang says that, since then, few hit spy movies have been produced. As a result he decided to delve into(探究) the genre after being contacted to direct Cliff Walkers.

China's revolutionary titles are mostly produced by Chinese mainland companies, but Cliff Walkers attracted the attention of the Hong Kong studio Emperor Motion Pictures, which is one of its main producers and will handle the movie's international distribution. Alex Yeung, vice-chairman of Emperor Motion Pictures and the movie's co-executive producer, recalls his father Albert Yeung met with director Zhang Yimou for the

first time in June 2018.

“They hit it off immediately. They soon agreed to collaborate on a quality film that makes people shout ‘bravo’. In the same year, we further developed this film and production kicked off in 2019,” recalls Alex Yeung.

After seeing the film, it has enriched my knowledge about China's revolutionary martyrs. I felt quite overwhelmed when I heard this story for the first time. That generation (the early CPC members) was stoic(默默承受的) and dedicated. They are the true nameless heroes who contributed to build a safe and harmonious society and deserve to be remembered.

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Ideal is the beacon. Without ideal, there is no secure direction; without direction, there is no life.