

看電影談趙婷

金窩銀窩不如自己的老窩

二零二一年，四月二十六日，奧斯卡頒獎禮，趙婷（Chole Zhao）以「無依之地」（Nomadland）獲得最佳導演獎。電影對世界的影響力無遠弗屆，屬於高大上行業，一個華裔女子能在這一行出頭地，自然會在華人社會引起極大的關注，許多華人都覺得與有榮焉。

筆者當晚看CCTV新聞聯播，居然對奧斯卡頒獎消息隻字未提；上百度和新浪網上搜索，也只有簡單的頒獎消息，其他什麼都找不到。為了解答心中的疑惑，只有找維基百科試試，果然發現趙婷以前的幾段發言，引起中國政府對於她本人十分感冒：

二零一三年，她接受「電影人」（Filmmaker）雜誌專訪時，她說：「當我在中國上初中那段時間，我覺得到處都是謊言，令我有一種無法逃避的感覺，我以前接受過許多信息都是不實在的，於是我對家庭和四周環境變得十分叛逆。後來我到了英國，我馬上重新認識了我的過去：在大學我學的是政治，知道什麼是真的；最重要的是要以知識武裝自己，並向其挑戰（Arm yourself with information, and then challenge that too.）」

二零一七年，她的電影「騎士」（The rider）在中國平遙國際電影節中獲獎，但後來還是被中國大陸禁演；她感慨的說：「我在中國成長那段時間，我總覺得被一種古老文化所束縛，我未來的一切都必須依那個模式進行；這大概是後來我為什麼會被西方體制所吸引（was drawn to the Western genre）的原因吧？」

二零二零年，趙婷為「無依之地」做宣傳時，接受新聞網（News.com）採訪報導，她說：「我在美國感覺就像一個局外人，因為我對美國歷史不會產生任何權重（that she had felt like an outsider in the United

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States, in not having "the weight of history on her.）」;新聞網接著報導引述她說「美國現在是我的國家，最終是，或許是（The US is now my country, ultimately, but maybe）」；後來要求該報更正她的講話，把NOW改成NOT。

看了上面幾段趙婷的談話，筆者有下面的一些解讀：

把時間倒推到她唸初中的時候，大概是在一九九五年左右，那時候中國國內正是令計劃，周永康，徐才厚，郭伯雄等貪官污吏橫行霸道，春風得意的時候，社會風氣充滿謊言是可想而知的；連一個唸初中的小女生對周邊一切都產生叛逆，可見那個時候的中國政權已經到了危機重重的地步。幸好有胡錦濤的撥亂反正，習近平的大刀闊斧，中國才能起死回生，既然中國政府都已經自我修復，為什麼一個海外的小女子對那個年代的批評還那麼耿耿於懷？竟然還封殺她的電影作品進入中國？

二十多年前中國和西方先進國家相比是有相當大的差距，一個初來乍到的小女生被西方的一切所震撼，所吸引，是必然的現象；趙婷說得一點都沒有錯，我想我們這些老美國剛到的時候反應都多少有點和她相同吧？

她二零年要求報社更正她的發言，將「NOW」改成「NOT」更有意思，她的感受也跟我們這些老美國一樣：「在美國我們都是一群局外人」。

她在奧斯卡頒獎典禮發表演說，雖然簡短，她陳述對她影響最深遠的幾句話，是中國文化教育她的「人之初，性本善」；從她對她小時候中式文化的叛逆又回到對中式文化的認同，可以從中看出她領略

到「金窩，銀窩，都不如自己的老窩」的轉變。

趙婷有了轉變，中國政府也有了轉變，截至目前為止，不但百度和新浪可以查到關於趙婷的全部信息，中國政府對於「無依之地」也某種程度開放了上映的綠燈，筆者要為中國政府這種自信和大度點個「讚」！

文章最後，簡單介紹一下趙婷，父親趙玉吉是北京一家鋼鐵公司的經理，母親是醫院職工，後來父母離婚，父親與喜劇演員宋丹丹結婚。在籌備她個人第一部長片《兄弟們教我唱的歌》時，她遇到了比她小兩級的紐約大學校友理查茲（Joshua James Richards），兩人現在已經同居。他是一名來自英國的攝影師，參與過她所有的電影。

趙婷可以說是一位電影全能，她以前的幾部電影，她不但導演，而且身兼編劇和剪接等重要任務；據說她拍片時注重低成本高真質量，能省則省。從「兄弟們教我唱的歌」（Songs my brothers taught me）到「騎士」（The rider）再到「無依之地」（Nomadland），好評如潮，得獎無數；如今的她成了電影界的「當紅炸子雞」，片約不斷，亞馬遜電影公司（Amazon Studios）已邀請她拍一部黑人警長雷弗斯（Bass Reeves）傳記小說的西部片；瑪威電影公司（Marval Studios）已經請她導演，開始拍攝「永恆」（Eternals），預計今年年底前將推出。

前面提到，趙婷對她青少年時期周邊的謊話連篇感到十分痛苦，因而養成了她「忌「謊」如仇」的性格；她還說要以知識武裝自己去向其挑戰（Arm yourself with information, and then challenge that too.）；如今已經被知識武裝好的趙婷，在美國當前假消息流行，假新聞當道的社會環境中，是否會正面迎戰？拍攝一部揭露美國「上交文匯」的大片來，讓我們拭目以待！

交。

美國阿富汗撤軍戰略退縮：拜登宣佈的911前完全撤軍，在蹂躪阿富汗廿年後，自陷泥淖，不堪負荷，撤出帝國墳場，現在忽然呼籲世界各國，尊重阿富汗的領土主權，令人啼笑皆非。

東施效顰倡議民主聯盟一帶一路：眼見中國一帶一路戰略涵蓋130多國，進行兩三百項基建工程，效應壯大。因此美國號召英，日，澳，歐，印，也要仿效成立民主聯盟的一帶一路，唱的比做的更精彩。

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已經印鈔1.9萬億美元，強行通過紓困方案。

再花4.1萬億美元推行拜登新政，項目天羅地網，無所不包，例如：加速施打疫苗，目前已達40%，願打的都打了，如今面臨不願施打的民眾，使施打進度緩慢下來，有些州發\$100美元誘招年輕人接種。

全面更新並擴張基礎建設，包括機場海港公路鐵路橋樑涵洞通訊等等。

全面加强軍事預算，保持美國軍事領先地位。

全面加强太空計劃，太空總署增加預算，進軍太空。

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兩岸對峙已超過七十年了。當年造成兩岸對峙局面的前輩們，基本上都已作古了。然而他們留下未解的局面，卻要由後人來收拾。有時內心難免要對前人發出抱怨，為什麼內戰打了一半就中斷了呢？而且一停就是七十年。這將給後代子孫帶來多大困擾與麻煩呀？！

造成兩岸僵局難解的因素不只一端，但目前最棘手的有兩個，即台獨與美國。台獨的成因最遠可溯及1894-95年的甲午戰爭。甲午戰爭的失敗，與馬關條約的簽訂是一切罪惡與不幸的開端與根源。因此在指責留下兩岸僵局的先輩之前，更應先指責導致甲午戰爭失敗，以及在馬關條約中將台灣割讓日本的先輩們。然而不首先指責發動侵略戰爭的日本，卻先指責起戰敗的先輩們，又於心何忍？尤其當回憶起，他們在戰敗後許多都沉入海底壯烈犧牲了。尚何錯之有，何責之有呢？鴉片戰爭與甲午戰爭的失敗，是導致中華民族走向國勢衰落的兩大肇因。也是導致香港問題與台灣問題，至今仍困擾著國人的因素。香港問題雖經2020年6月30日頒佈香港國安法後，基本已獲解決。但台灣問題，卻由於台灣挾洋自重，拒不接受「九二共識」，以及美日的介入，為台灣勢力撐腰，卻至今未解。且局勢有越來越失控的趨勢。不得不令人憂心忡忡。

在阻擾兩岸實現統一上，美國是主犯，日本只是從犯。是美國拉來壯膽的小跟班。中國國力的快速發展，在許多方面都已超越美國。美國既無把握獨力對抗中國，拜登上台後，即試圖拉幫結夥，共同對付中國。此已成為其首要任務。歐盟國家鑒於與中國有著密切的經貿關係，不願在對華政策上，尤其是涉及經貿議題上，盲目

地跟著美國走。近年日本與中國的經貿關係也愈趨緊密，僅次於東盟，美國與歐盟。日本若繼續跟著美國的反華路線走，必將危及其首倡管義偉卻軟弱無能，迫於美國壓力，不得不盲從美國的反中路線。現已受到國內普遍抨擊，包括前首相安倍晉三。

阻礙兩岸統一的最大外部因素，還是美國欲利用台灣作為遏制大陸崛起的棋子。台灣若不落入外人手裡，以其所處位置既可作為中國的前進基地，又可作為對外發展的前進基地。若與海南島配合，有如兩隻望向海洋的眼睛，又像兩隻緊握的拳頭，既可防守，又可攻擊。但一旦落入外人手裡，則將成為阻擋中華民族向外發展的攔路石。不幸兩岸對峙七十多年來，在台灣的執政黨都是親美日，而反大陸的。此給中華民族的發展造成了極大妨礙。美日，尤其是前者，之所以至今緊拽住台灣不放，就是洞悉了台灣的此一戰略作用。而作為兩岸的中國人，為著實現幾代中國人民族偉大復興的夢想，則非收回台灣不可。

美國與日本近日相互勾結，欲共同阻止兩岸的統一，已到了明目張膽，毫無遮掩的囂張地步。日本新首相菅義偉貌似忠厚，卻比安倍更右傾，更親美。4月16日在其訪美中，與拜登發表了共同聲明，表達了對台海局勢的關心。明顯干涉了中國的統一政策。然而兩岸的統一純粹是中國人的家務事。何時統一，以什麼方式實現統一，根本不勞外人操心。因事涉國家利益與前途，中國人必然會選擇最佳時機，以最佳方法來實現國家的統一。

麥卡錫陰影下的百日維新

1950年代籠罩美國的麥卡錫反共的陰影，2018年在川普總統的鼓動下捲土重來，形成新的麥卡錫反華的陰影。2021年1月拜登總統上任，原先世人期望他恢復美國秩序，給世界帶來一番新氣象，想不到拜發婉如惡魔附身，全無艾森豪總統的魄力，大步走出麥卡錫的反共陰影，反而推波助瀾，掀起更大浪花。

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回歸巴黎氣候協定自封氣候領袖：拜登上任後承諾美國在2030年碳排放要下降為2005年的50%，2050年碳中和。一個廿年前退出京都協議，4年前再退出巴黎協定的國家，忽然臨時召集四十國領袖會議，自封氣候變遷的領袖，十分可笑。而且減碳承諾過於輕率誇大，能否得到國內支持尚屬未定，各國領袖當心懷疑慮。

美國在烏克蘭再掀波瀾：烏克蘭新選的電影小生總統澤倫斯基一直尋求加入北約，冀獲保護，近期更進軍烏東的頓巴斯俄裔的半自治區，此舉立刻引發緊張情勢，俄國乃加強邊境的軍事部署，戰情緊張。美國不敢讓烏克蘭加入北約，實質保護，卻呼籲北約強硬抗議俄國，繼續攪混。

美國伊朗重恢協議陷尷尬境地：伊朗以美國無條件撤除制裁作為恢復協議談判的前提，但是拜登遲遲

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不理。不意中國趁虛和伊朗簽訂了中伊25年4000億美元的合作協議，大幅削弱美制裁力道，增加了伊朗維也納談判的籌碼，美國在撤銷與否之間，進退兩難。

印度疫情嚴重考驗印太聯盟的救援意願與實力：美國原已決議讓印度製造疫苗，美國授專利，日本出資金，澳洲管分配，以對抗中國強勢的疫苗外交。如今印度陷入重災，美國未在第一時間對印度送上關切和支援，著實令印度寒心。在中國率先運送製氧機後，美國才連忙補送醫療物資，但疫苗沒影，印太聯盟的疫苗合作計劃也不見下文。

呼朋引伴前往南海出演歹戲一齣：美國為壯大其在南海聲威，呼喚英、法、德諸國派艦到南海助陣，這些國家礙於情面，勉強前往。但其派出的軍艦或舊或殘，對照中國新授旗服役南海艦隊的三艘巨艦，長征號戰略核潛艇，075型兩棲攻擊艦，055大型驅逐艦，徒增笑柄，英、德、法俱予人帝國日落的感慨。

新疆種族滅絕猶嫌不足再添亞美利加新案：由於美國的亞美利加裔移民團體再次鼓噪以及選舉考量，拜登回頭將107年前鄂圖曼帝國對亞美利加人的事件定義為種族滅絕，以此譴責土耳其，美土兩國幾乎斷

The Power of Brainwash Will Put the U.S. and the World in Danger

Mr. Power is a social science teacher in an american high school. He happens to be assigned to teach a class with lower performance students who shied away from AP classes. In his class, he raised the topic why people can be brainwashed easily, the students poh-pohed his idea and did not believe him. Then he raised a bet with the class that he could prove his point within one semester provided the class would recognize and respect him as a teacher. The students agreed. Then the teacher began his process, first he requested that all students should address him as Mr. Power and answer him with yes-sir standing up straight. The students agreed and they began addressing him respectfully and answered with yes-sir.

Then a week later, he asked the class to stand up and stomp their feet so the ashes would fall on the AP History class directly below them downstairs. The students started sporadically but with Mr. Power's encouragement, the whole class engaged the stumping more rigorously and more synchronously. The AP History teacher came to the social science class to see Mr. Power. Mr. Power greeted him outside the class and shoved him away simply saying I gave them permission to do an experiment. Next, Mr. Power told the class that they were very exceptional and gained respect from other teachers and students. He urged them to pick a name for the class and pick a theme color for their clothing. The students enthusiastically obliged calling themselves Raging Hippos (RH4HR for Human Rights) and picked their theme color of all blue or all red. The class by "shame and blame" made every classmate to conform to this color code and a common behavior. Mr. Power then encouraged the class to show their presence by putting the HR (and hippo) logo all over the campus. The class did it vigorously and happily.

Mr. Power then praised the class for their unity and encouraged them to enter all class competitions to demonstrate their ability and power. The class did, they won in tug of war, they triumphed in water polo and took the trophy of lacrosse using all means, rage and cheat included. The class dressed in the same color, spoke in same language and tone, and viewed others as an inferior class. Then, Mr. Power addressed them in class and congratulated them for getting a passing grade for the entire class, but he then said: "you

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had all been brainwashed! I had proven my point that the mass could be easily brainwashed." A raging student, Tiger, jumped up and said: No, Raging Hippo will go on, you can not stop us, we will change the entire school. One student sheepishly stood up and said, we should listen to Mr. Power, but Tiger punched him on the nose and pulled out a gun and asked Mr. Power to agree with him. Mr. Power refused then Tiger shot him and then himself (a very sad ending!) Or Mr. Power agreed and the RH group went to the Administration building forcing the school superintendent to accept their demands (a truly dangerous scenario!).

The above story was fictitious but drawn from many facts to illustrate the phenomenon we are observing in our society and in our international relations. Think about it, the mass media have been able to change the mood of our society with their story reporting. Over a few events in a short period, masses could be raged to conduct violent riots. Think about Black Lives Matter and police brutality, was there any brainwashing? Yes, I do believe so. Look at our international relations, the mass media (with government coercion perhaps) can build a hate attitude against another country (and her people) with persistent fake news and twisted stories. Do recall how easily people can be brainwashed like the above story in a social science class. It is amazing in the real world, our China policy could be so easily and quickly changed by a few China haters occupying our government policy positions. What do they have? A few hate-China books written years ago with authors never setting foot in China.

The current US-China relations are so twisted and biased leading to a dangerous war scenario. Many old timer China experts are "shamed and blamed" if they did not conform to the current brainwashing wave. A few who would spoke out would not be given opportunities. There was no honest and open debate on the U.S. China policy among scholars and citizens. When such 'hate China' bias being applied to academic world

targeting Chinese scholars and students, the protesting voice is ignored or silenced. This is a dangerous phenomenon which should not happen in a democratic nation, but it is happening which may result in a sad ending or a dangerous scenario: Posing a danger to our nation and to the world!

Our former Secretary of State, Mr. Mike Pompeo, is like Mr. Power trying systematically to transform his students. With his experience as Director of Central Intelligence Agency, he admitted in a speech at Texas A & M University: "We lie, we cheat, and we steal." And yet as the top diplomat of the nation, he was declaring a "war plan" against China at a speech at the Nixon library with a purpose to white wash Nixon's strategy of opening and allying with China to combat the expansionary Soviet Union (which was accomplished by the Reagan Administration!) Pompeo's another purpose was demonizing the CCP leadership in China. He tried to separate the Chinese people from the CCP, yet CCP is having a much higher approval rating from Chinese people than any of our Republican or Democratic Party ever received from American citizens.

Perhaps, Pompeo believes he can brainwash the American citizens easily, but it is a wishful assumption that he can brainwash the Chinese citizens to revolt against their government. The Chinese lives have never been better before. The Chinese people have more freedom than ever before. The Chinese citizens have traveled to more foreign countries than ever before. It is ignorant to think that brainwashing will work to collapse China.

China might have 'cheated' in business, trade or technology, but which country didn't? Just review the history of industrial revolution to the present, the Western powers cheated and looted in the worse way (including the U.S., U.K., Germany, France and others) and Japan cheated and looted just as badly. If Pompeo insisted on using brainwashing to establish a 'hate-China' policy, I could predict that it would not succeed. This is simply because that American citizens as well as Chinese citizens can do better than high school students by using factcheck when needed. The Americans and Chinese will not be fooled for too long. I hope our current Secretary of State, Mr. Blinken, will not follow Mr. Pompeo's footsteps or brainwaves. I firmly believe that a China policy based on brainwashing (with fake news) will not work but put the U.S. and the world in danger.