



Do not politicize the Olympics. Shame on Biden and all.

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The Dutton narrative on China continues unabated and was widely reported at home.

The first time China accused Dutton of hypocrisy was in April 2021 as reported in the SCMP; “China accuses Australia of hypocrisy over cancelled belt and road deals”

- Australia says it wants to open up cooperation with China and increase our high-level dialogue, but it says one thing and does another,’ foreign ministry spokesman says
- Australia’s Defence Minister Peter Dutton says Canberra can’t allow ‘these sort of arrangements and friendships to pop up because they’re used for propaganda reasons’

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3130635/china-accuses-australia-hypocrisy-over-cancelled-belt-and-road>

At home, the SMH headline “Dutton slams celebs for not speaking up about China’s treatment of women” (10 Jan 2022 by Anthony Galloway). “Defence Minister Peter Dutton has urged celebrities and athletes to use their star status to draw attention to China’s treatment of women, warning that Beijing is escaping scrutiny despite the plight of Chinese tennis player Peng Shuai”.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/dutton-slams-celebs-for-not-speaking-up-about-china-s-treatment-of-women-20220107-p59mj6.html>

As expected, the SMH report aired Minister Dutton’s view well but the real surprise was the letters to the editor section that went against him, under the title “Dutton’s concern for human rights breathtaking hypocrisy”.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/dutton-s-concern-for-human-rights-breathtaking-hypocrisy-20220110-p59n0o.html>

An interesting letter to the editor can be summarised here:

Dutton urges celebrities to challenge China over human rights should be taken with a pinch of salt. The protection of human right, like charity, should begin at home (a) sexual abuse in Parliament; (b) Detention centres for refugees without trial of basic services; (c) the Murugappan family from Biloela living in limbo; and (d) disproportionately high incarceration rate for indigenous in Australia jails.

Several other letters to the SMH editor also carried the same message, ie. the hypocrisy of Minister Dutton.

Two articles John Menadue P&I have alluded to the dangers of Dutton beating the war drums.

The China threat: Dutton is dragging Australia into dangerous waters. (by John lander)

“The Defence Minister is stoking anti-China sentiment in Australia – a foolhardy stance that is damaging our economy and putting us at risk of military conflict. “

<https://johnmenadue.com/the-china-threat-dutton-is-dragging-australia-into-dangerous-waters/>



China v Australia, and the national interest v The Australian (By Dechlan Brennan 13 Jan 2022)

"Its readers could be forgiven for suspecting the News Corp broadsheet is trying to lead us into war under the guise of destroying authoritarianism."

<https://johnmenadue.com/china-v-australia-and-the-national-interest-v-the-australian/>

It is unusual for Dutton to attract such adverse criticism and even more unusual that the SMH decided to publish these letters to the editor

US is still leading the Anglosphere in boycotting the sending of political representatives to the Beijing Winter Olympics. However, it is puzzling that the US subsequently apply for visas for the Officials to accompany the US team. (SCMP 27 Dec 2021) "US wants China visas for 18 officials to attend Winter Olympics, Beijing confirms"

- Chinese foreign ministry urges the US to 'stop politicising sport', calling boycott a 'farce' as it confirms visa applications for 18 American personnel
- The White House on December 6 announced a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Games over China's human rights record in Xinjiang

A response from the Global Times:

"The double-faced move of the US government would embarrass its allies and proved that divergences exist in the Biden administration on approaching the Beijing Winter Olympics, observers say."

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202112/1243342.shtml>

"Why did the US send diplomats to China after claiming that it would have a diplomatic boycott on the Beijing" https://www.quora.com/Why-did-the-US-send-diplomats-to-China-after-claiming-that-it-would-have-a-diplomatic-boycott-on-the-Beijing-2022-Olympics?top_ans=328905181

We believe it is highly likely that China will grant those visas for the US officials to attend to show the US the friendly side of the Chinese culture.

Olympics was and is set up as an apolitical international sporting event to bring global friendship and peace to the world and should not be politicized. We believe the athletes all over the world would uphold the Olympic Spirit for global friendship and peace and put all their silly politicians in shame.

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