

X Quotations

Xenophon (see Sedlacek, p. 99ff, Good and Evil)

Xi Jinping, China:

“...their thinking has been infected by unhealthy thoughts...

Islamic extremism [is] a virus-like contagion and a dangerously addictive drug, [requiring] a period of painful, interventionary treatment...

economic development does not automatically bring lasting order and security...

People who are captured by religious extremism...have their consciences destroyed, lose their humanity and murder without blinking an eye.”

“The world has entered a period of turbulence and transformation. We face an external environment with even more headwinds and countercurrents.”

Xi has found himself, like Wang, “repulsed by the all-encompassing commercialization of Chinese society, with its attendant nouveaux riches, official corruption, loss of values, dignity, and self-respect, and such ‘moral evils’ as drugs and prostitution.” Wang has now seemingly convinced Xi that they have no choice but to take drastic action to head off existential threats to social order being generated by Western-style economic and cultural liberal-capitalism—threats nearly identical to those that scourge the U.S.

via Lyons, NS see pdf

Mr. Xi “sees history as a tool to use against the biggest threats to Chinese Communist Party rule,” said Joseph Torigan, American University. “He’s also someone who sees that competing narratives of history are dangerous.”

“Instruction in revolutionary traditions must start with toddlers,” Mr. Xi said in 2016. “Infuse red genes into the bloodstream and immerse our hearts in them.”

“They were creating a common framework, a common vision, of past and future among the party elite,” said Daniel Leese, a historian at the University of Freiburg. “If you don’t unify the thinking of people in the circles of power about the past, it’s very difficult to be on the same page about the future.”

via Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, a retired professor at the University of Vienna:

“He is like a sponge that can take all the positive things from the past — what he thinks is positive about Mao and Deng — and he can bring them all together. He is China’s own end of history. He has reached a level that cannot be surpassed.”

via Wash Post editorial: Mr. Xi declared that religious extremism is a “poison” and a “powerful psychedelic drug” and vowed to wipe it out.

“...‘common prosperity’ is an essential requirement of Socialism and an important feature of Chinese-style modernization.”

Johnson, Christopher K.:

“Xi’s political genius is the strategic use of uncertainty; he likes to keep everyone off balance,” said Christopher K. Johnson, the president of the China Strategies Group

end Xi

“It feels like my right to choose is always controlled by others.”

Teresa Xu, Beijing in NYT

“Chinese writing exhibits symptoms of a mental disorder. This is castrated writing. I am a proactive eunuch, I castrate myself even before the surgeon raises the scalpel.”

“We’re not afraid of arrest; we have found freedom on line.”

Murong Xuecun (Hao Qun)

the truth is the truth, and if we kept silent when the truth doesn’t fit our imagination or hopes, then how are we different from what we oppose?

"I hope for a free and happy country, where no one needs to go against his conscience, and can find his place based on his abilities and moral character; a simple and happy society that optimizes the goodness in human nature and puts the greatest restraint on evil; where honesty, trust, friendship and mutual assistance are the norm; where vexation and indignation are rare, and a smile of genuine happiness is on every face."

this country needs a group of brave citizens to stand up and abide by their convictions, turning their rights, responsibility and dreams into reality."

Xu zhiyong

"Lies written in ink can never disguise facts written in blood."

Hope is like a road in the country; there was never a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existence.

Lu Xun