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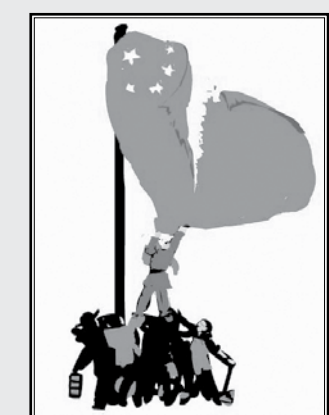
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QUITTING THE CCP



Inspired by the 'Nine Commentaries,' as of July 8, at 11:31 p.m.

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Chinese people have announced their intentions to quit the Chinese Communist Party and its affiliated organizations on a special Web site established by The Epoch Times. Many others, unable to break through the Chinese Internet blockade, have posted their withdrawal statements on poles or buildings. Others have written them on Chinese currency. Read recent statements of Chinese quitting the Party, the latest news on the "Nine Commentaries," and more at <http://www.NineCommentaries.com>

From the dog house to the White House

American dogs move up in the world

By MARTHA ROSENBERG

Bo, the Obamas' Portuguese water dog, may be the only family dog to have his portrait shot on the South Lawn of the White House—but many American dogs are moving up in family rank.

A recent poll found a surprising number of Americans call their answering machine during the work day to talk to their dog.

Many hold birthday parties for their dogs, give them Christmas presents, and let them sleep in the family bed. (It's no dirtier than sleeping with a shoe, says one canine sleeper.)

And, even as they worry about uncooked cookie dough and MRSA, many admit to kissing their dog on the mouth "once a week or more."

In the last years, dog books like "Merle's Door," "Marley & Me," "Good Dog, Stay," and "Rescuing Sprite" have been the rage.

But humorists have been riffing dogs for years.

Columnist Erma Bombeck used to say dogs were the last of the optimists. They rush the door when the bell rings, but it's never for them. And they can't wait to go for a car ride, but they never go anywhere but the vet.

(Isn't doing the same thing and expecting different results also the definition of insanity?)

U.S. comic Gary Shandling observed that the only thing a dog likes more than getting in the car is getting out, and if we opened both doors they'd pass through all day long, happily.

Of course dogs' simplified triage system—if you can't eat it or mate with it, pee on it—has provoked many X-rated jokes. But so has their tendency to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Woody Allen recalls asking his mother where babies came from and she replied, thinking he'd said rabies, "dogs."

While Lassie, Rin Tin Tin, Old

Yeller, White Fang, and even Benji were brave and heroic figures, Snoopy from the cartoon Peanuts introduced the era of the sage and sardonic dog that was actually a philosopher.

Suddenly names like Rover and Fido were passé—not to mention terms like "master" and "command"—and the dog moved from the dog house to the foot of the bed. Or better.

He wasn't a pet or companion; he was a bona fide member of the family.

You weren't his master or owner; you were his Caretaker and it was a privilege to be so.

This marked the era of mixed-breed dogs named Fred from shelters, not puppy mills—hello!—with bandanas around their neck and their own Web site. Nor did they do "tricks" anymore.

They ate pure food, went to day care, had their teeth brushed, and increasingly found drinking water outside stores—a whole city block they had to walk since the last bowl of water.

But there's another possible reason for Americans' rising love affair with dogs: their falling love affair with the institutions of marriage and family.

"Till death do us part" marriages have been replaced by "starter" marriages, which quickly become what-was-I-thinking marriages and a font of new "ex" jokes.

Nor do later-in-life marriages work because people have become too set in their ways—and no one wants in-laws who compare you to a first spouse.

In fact, the average marriage doesn't even last as long as a dog's life anymore, which explains the bitter custody suits over Jake or Max.

And even when marriages are good, a spouse can't inspire a grown man or woman to get down on hands and knees in a business suit after work and beseech wildly, "Come to Daa-Daa." Since it's been a whole hour since they called the answering machine.

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The CCP teaches Google a lesson

By GONG PING
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The recent bullying of Google by the Chinese Communist regime is the latest example of how American companies have a problem doing business in China. American companies need to rethink their approach.

In mid-June the regime framed Google for spreading "pornographic, lewd, and vulgar content." The regime did so by manipulating Google's search engine in China. By bombarding it with search requests for phrases that might have a sexual meaning, Google.cn would return these phrases as top results when even a benign word was searched.

On June 18, the host of the popular prime time show "Focus Report" on the state-run CCTV demonstrated how Google was supposedly saturated with sex by searching "son" and getting the phrase "son, mother, inappropriate relationship" as the top result. The previous week Google.cn had been bombarded with searches for this unusual phrase, producing this strange result.

The next day, the regime ordered Google's Suggest and translation functions be disabled. On June 24, the regime shut down the search engine for a few hours.

The latter was a public punishment, a warning to Chinese citizens and Western business of the power of the regime. But the real punishment for Google was the disabling of the Suggest and translation features.

These features gave Google a competitive advantage over some other search engines operating in China. They also made it easy for individuals inside mainland China at least to see links that the communist regime had blocked. Closing down access to this information was the real reason behind the weeks-long charade of "proving" Google was making pornography easily available over the Internet.

THE KOWTOW

The American strategy for doing business in China seems to be to kowtow to the Chinese communist regime—to submit abjectly to it. In 2006, Google, in response to regime pressure, had eliminated from searches on Google.cn results that make the regime uncomfortable: Web sites that had information on Falun

Gong, Tibet, the Tiananmen Square Massacre, and freedom of speech.

But this previous capitulation by Google of its long-held business practice of affording users honest and transparent searches did not protect Google this June when the regime decided to tighten repression even further.

New York Times Columnist Nicholas Kristof provides another example of the high-tech kowtow. He has confirmed that the new Microsoft search engine, Bing, censors results in Chinese-language searches, even if they are conducted outside China. This self-censorship goes far beyond what Google did.

The spokesman for Microsoft has claimed that Microsoft's policy is that searches should not be censored outside China. Presented with the fact that the searches outside China are censored, Microsoft has claimed this is just a bug in the software. But Microsoft's claims are hard to believe.

In 2003, Microsoft supplied the Chinese communist regime with part of its source code, something that the American government hadn't been able to pry loose with antitrust law suits lasting years.

Yahoo! is another Internet giant that notoriously aided the Chinese communist regime in its repression by turning over the names of dissidents who had used its service.

Western tech companies have provided the regime with various types of technology that help persecute innocents and suppress the Chinese people, including encryption, Internet surveillance, and video surveillance.

RESTORING PRINCIPLES

In their kowtow to the Chinese communist regime, American companies abandon their own principles for the sake of profit.

By cooperating with the regime, Google has lost the integrity and now part of the functionality of its searches. Yahoo! has lost its good name. Microsoft has sacrificed its jealously guarded source code.

Most Western companies find the promise of great profits in China to be a cruel illusion. Some, however, are making money at the moment and doing so by cooperating closely with the regime.

Each company has acted like the victim of a blackmailer who assumes

each payoff will be the last. But this is to fundamentally misunderstand the communist regime. It has no scruples about piling one demand onto another, and its goal in fact is to reduce the independent Western companies into complete dependence on the regime. Once that dependence is gained, any profits that are earned will depend on the whims of the regime. Western companies simply don't understand how ruthless the regime is when it has power.

Western companies have submitted to the regime because each has dealt with the regime individually. Submission has seemed to be the price for doing business in China.

Before Microsoft surrendered its source code in 2003, it successfully defended it in 2000 by joining with other tech companies. If Microsoft had once again joined with other tech companies in insisting that proprietary technology would remain secure, the regime would have backed down.

Blinded by their greed for the China market, Western companies have not understood how desperately the Chinese regime has needed them. Foreign trade accounts for 60 percent of China's GDP, and 50 percent of the profits are created by foreign companies.

With the real unemployment figures in China reaching about 25 percent,¹ and with a democratic and rapidly modernizing India becoming a very attractive market, the communist regime is vulnerable to Western pressure.

Western businesses need to return to fundamental principles. In resisting the Chinese regime's bullying, Western companies are protecting their own future. In China today, Western businesses will make the right business decision if they make the right moral decision. If they ask whether their business practices will help harm innocent people, then they will know where the path to profit lies.

¹ Zeng Xiangquan, Dean of the School of Labor and Human Resources, said in early 2009 that in the past three years, the Chinese Statistics Bureau's internal report (unpublished) revealed that the unemployment rate was about 24 percent and sometimes even reached 27 percent. The situation is expected to be worse in 2009.

Letters to the Editor

Fluoride concerns valid, says scientist

Fluoride is everywhere these days. It can be found in water, food, manufactured liquids, toothpaste, swimming pool and bath water. It can be bioaccumulated in teeth and bones via ingestion, easily absorbed through the skin and can also be inhaled. It even passes through the placenta in the foetus.

If fluoride is so good for the teeth, how come it damages the enamel of the secondary teeth when they are still developing in the gums?

"We [the Government] accept that dental fluorosis is a manifestation of systemic toxicity," said Baroness Hayman (House of Lords, U.K.) in 1999

Thereafter, the only admission that fluoride is to blame for dental fluorosis came from the Department of Health, which glossed over the issue by claiming that dental fluorosis caused by fluoride is merely a "cosmetic" issue. The U.K. Civil Service then clammed its mouth really tight and no chink in its fluoridation armour has appeared since.

Dental fluorosis is permanent and

cannot be bleached. Remediation requires expensive veneers which have to be repeated two or three times until the nerves in the affected teeth can no longer take the insult of having the dentine abraded to form a secure surface for the veneers. So thereafter, the patient has to have crowns—yet more expense.

But just look at the facts: "The prevalence of fluorosis at a water fluoride level of 1.0 ppm was estimated to be 48 percent and for fluorosis of aesthetic concern it was predicted to be 12.5 percent (Executive Summary York Review 2000). Because the U.K. doesn't keep statistics of dental fluorosis, the York Review had to refer to Irish dental statistics (also fluoridated) to work out the number of

children with dental fluorosis of aesthetic concern. This turned out to be one in eight Irish children.

Fluoridation, which is supposed to restore social equality, does the very opposite. It means that all children with dental fluorosis of aesthetic concern, including those whose social equality should have been restored by water fluoridation, need to spend large amounts of money on remediation.

Some justice! And why would you do that to your body willingly? That which damages your teeth also damages your bones. To believe otherwise is naive.

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The 'Nine Commentaries' is the book that is disintegrating the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and changing China.

This award-winning Epoch Times editorial series discloses the true history and nature of the CCP. Now it is serialized here.

Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party

Commentary Seven

On the Chinese Communist Party's history of killing

One university lecturer had a happy family, but his family encountered a disaster during the process of repressing the rightists. At the time of the Anti-Rightist Movement, the woman who would become the University lecturer's wife was dating someone who was labeled a rightist. Her lover was later sent to a remote area and suffered greatly. Because she, as a young girl, could not go along, she gave her lover up and married the lecturer instead.

When her beloved one finally came back to their hometown, she, now a mother of several children, had no other way to repent her betrayal in the past. She insisted on

divorcing her husband in order to redeem her guilty conscience. By this time, the lecturer was over 50-years-old. He could not accept the sudden change and went insane. He stripped off all his clothes and ran all over to look for a place to start a new life. Finally, his wife left him and their children.

The painful separation decreed by the Party is a problem that can't be solved and an incurable social disease that could only replace one separation with another separation.

Family is the basic unit of the Chinese society. It is also the traditional culture's last defense against the Party culture. For this reason, the cruelest element in the CCP's history of killing is the damage to the family.

Because the CCP monopolizes all social resources, when a person is classified as being on the opposing side of the dictatorship, he or she will immediately face a crisis in livelihood, be accused by everyone in society, and stripped of his or her dignity.

Because they are treated unjustly, the family is the only safe haven for these innocent people to be consoled. But the CCP's policy of implication kept family members from

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comforting each other; otherwise, they too risked being labeled opponents of the dictatorship. Zhang Zhixin, for instance, was forced to divorce.

For many people, family members' betrayal—reporting on, fighting, publicly criticizing, or denouncing them—is the last straw that breaks their spirit. Many people have committed suicide as a result.

VI. THE PATTERNS AND CONSEQUENCES OF KILLING

THE CCP'S IDEOLOGY OF KILLING

The CCP has always touted itself as being talented and creative in its development of Marxism-Leninism, but in reality the CCP creatively developed an evil the likes of which had never been witnessed in any time or place.

It uses the communist ideology of social unity to deceive the public and intellectuals. It seizes the opportunity of science and technology's undermining belief to promote complete atheism. It uses communism to deny private ownership, and uses Lenin's theory and practice of violent revolution to rule the country. At the same time, it combined and further reinforced the most evil part of Chinese culture that deviates from mainstream Chinese traditions.

The CCP invented a complete theory and framework of "revolution" and "continuous revolution" under the dictatorship of the proletariat; it

used this system to change society and ensure the Party dictatorship.

Its theory has two parts—economic base and superstructure under the dictatorship of the proletariat, in which the economic base determines the superstructure, while the superstructure in turn acts on the economic base. In order to strengthen the superstructure, especially the Party's power, it must first start the revolution from the economic base, which includes: (1) Killing the landowners to solve the relations of production¹ in the countryside, and (2) Killing the capitalists to solve relations of production in cities.

¹ One of the three tools (means of production, modes of production, and relations of production) that Marx used to analyze social class. Relations of production refers to the relationship between the people who own productive tools and those who do not, e.g., the relationship between landlord and tiller or the relationship between capitalist and worker.

Letters to the Editor

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