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## EDITORIAL

**Behind the Green New Deal: Hjalmar Schacht's Fascist Malthusianism**

July 29 (EIRNS)—Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Founder and President of the Schiller Institute, was asked today in her weekly strategic webcast “[Behind the Green New Deal: Hjalmar Schacht](#),” to address the hysteria regarding the fake-science of manmade climate change. With slight editing, here is her response:

**Helga Zepp-LaRouche:** “As we have said many times, man-made climate change is a hoax. What is really behind it is that the financial system of the trans-Atlantic sector is completely bankrupt and about to go into a hyperinflationary blow-out. So, the central banks, headed by Mark Carney—former head of the Bank of England—and other central bankers are trying to ‘shift the trillions,’ as they say, by keeping the bubble going just another round, by going essentially into the same policy as [Hitler’s Reichsbank President and Finance Minister] Hjalmar Schacht did 80 years ago. By trying to get complete control by the central banks over the entire money-issuing system, and preventing banks from giving credit for real production, by shifting the trillions into a new bubble. Namely, Green technology, alternative energy resources, going out of nuclear, going out of fossil fuels. Now the IPCC is supposed to come out with their final preparatory report on Aug. 9 for the Glasgow COP26 meeting. What has been said ahead of time is that the report will cause complete alarm. This was echoed by another statement by the 11,000 so-called ‘scientists’ who say that drastic cuts have to occur in human activity, because the climate change is so dramatic—and, they also admit for the first time, this is supposed to lead to a declining population.

“Now, that’s what we have been saying the whole time! The real aim of this is that the Malthusians, who happen to sit in the City of London and Wall Street, want to cut the population. They want to go for a massive population reduction. This is the danger of a new fascism, and people

should not be confused about that. Because it's not true that there is a consensus among scientists that climate change is due to anthropogenic causes. There has always been climate change; you always go from ice ages to warm weather periods. This has been going on for millions of years. But this present scare is designed to impose, really, a global fascist dictatorship of the central banks. It is fascism, and if this is not opposed, it will lead to social chaos, because all these policies will lead to dramatic price increases in energy, in food production. You will collapse the real economy; it can only lead to a complete catastrophe. Then, naturally, the weak ones, the poor people of the world, of the developing countries, will be the victims.

“You already see right now the schemes which are being made. For example, Mark Carney [now the United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance], who said there has to be a deal between the banks and the developing countries whereby they get money directly for making an agreement that they will *not develop*. If you look at the world right now, we are in the middle of a pandemic; we are in a world famine of biblical dimensions, as Beasley from the UN World Food Program keeps stressing. Then these people want to cut human activity, which in the consequence would mean no development in the developing countries; cutting back the living standard dramatically in the so-called advanced sector.

“And people have to wake up! The fact that we had a flood in Germany was due not to climate change: This is a complete lie! This was due to the fact that existing programs of infrastructure investments were not done because [Bundestag President] Wolfgang Schäuble wants to insist on his “black zero” balanced budget. In one of these rivers which were flooded, the Greenies managed to remove certain dams in order to allow the fish to swim more easily up and down the river. But the result of it was that there was no way to regulate this enormous rainfall, so the Green policy and the ‘black zero’ policy, non-investment in infrastructure, was responsible for this flood.

“So, I can only warn people that this is not settled at all. This is a gigantic fraud which is supposed to be imposed upon the population.”

Register, and see below for the program for the Schiller Institute Conference to be held this Saturday July 31, at 10:00 a.m. EDT, under the theme: “[Afghanistan: A Turning Point in History After the Failed Regime-Change Era.](#)”

### **Schiller Institute International Conference Program, July 31, 2021**

July 29 (EIRNS)—[Afghanistan: A Turning Point in History After the Failed Regime-Change Era](#)

Saturday, July 31, 2021—10:00 hours EDT; 16:00 hours CET

Moderator: Dennis Speed (U.S.), The Schiller Institute

1. Helga Zepp-LaRouche (Germany), Founder and President of The Schiller Institute; Keynote Address: “Afghanistan: The Bright Future for the Coming Cooperation of the Great Powers”

2. Pino Arlacchi (Italy), Sociology Professor at the Sassari University; Former Executive Director of the UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention; former European Parliament Rapporteur on Afghanistan; “Eradicate Opium in Afghanistan, Develop Modern Agriculture, Build the Nation, Now”

3. Ray McGovern (U.S.), Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA-ret.); Co-Founder, Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS); “The Real Interest of the United States in Asia”

4. Danny Sjursen (U.S.), U.S. Army (ret.); Senior Fellow—The Eisenhower Media Network; author, *Patriotic Dissent: America in the Age of Endless War*; “Can A ‘Peace Surge’ in Afghanistan End A Century of War?”

5. Hassan Daud (Pakistan), CEO, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province Board of Investment; “The Perspective from Pakistan: The Role of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for Afghanistan Reconstruction.”

6. Representative from Afghanistan, “An Approach to Development and Peace in Afghanistan”

7. Expert from China, “Afghanistan and the Belt Road Initiative”

8. Expert from Pakistan, “The Regional Perspective for Development”
9. Hussein Askary, Southwest Asia Coordinator for the Schiller Institute, “Put Afghanistan on the Belt and Road to Peace!”
10. Discussion Period

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday, August 2, 2021: Aired every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### **Blinken Declares All Nations Want Peace in Afghanistan, and China Is Playing a Positive Role**

July 29 (EIRNS)—In an interview with CNN on July 28, Secretary of State Antony Blinken addressed the Afghan situation—accurately for a change—as one which concerns all nations, leaving out only the urgency for development as the basis for peace. Asked about the Taliban meeting with Chinese leaders, he responded:

“Well, I think many countries in— immediately neighboring Afghanistan and in the broader region, including China, have interests in Afghanistan. And as it happens, those interests largely align. No one, whether it’s the United States, China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Russia, Central Asian countries—no one has an interest in Afghanistan falling into an enduring civil war. No one has an interest in a military takeover of the country by the Taliban, the restoration of an Islamic emirate. Everyone has an interest in a peaceful resolution of the conflict and some kind of government that emerges that’s truly representative and inclusive. And so, if China is acting on those interests, if other countries are acting on those interests, that’s a positive thing.”

## The Department of Justice Out To Wreak Justice on ‘January 6’ Capitol Hill Cases

July 29 (EIRNS)—The Department of Justice is in high gear to wreak justice out of their January 6, 2021 Washington, D.C. prosecutions. On July 27, Tuesday evening, it ruled that Congressman [Mo Brooks](#) (R-AL) was not eligible for the normal legal defense that the Justice Department is obligated to provide incumbent congress members. Brooks has been sued by Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) for fomenting violence by making a speech to the January 6 rally. The DOJ explained in its response to Brooks’s petition for defense: “The record indicates that the January 6 rally was an electioneering or campaign activity that Brooks would ordinarily be presumed to have undertaken in an unofficial capacity.” A DOJ ruling in Brooks’s favor would have also allowed him the trial use of the “Speech or Debate” clause of the Constitution, providing wide protection for a lawmaker’s speech. Now, that apparently is stripped.

On July 23, the Attorney General refused to meet with a delegation of Congress members, and then they were denied access to the DOJ lobby. Their press conference took place outside the DOJ building, where an organized intervention tried to disrupt the Representatives’ press conference. Particularly obnoxious was a demonstrator armed with a shrill whistle, which was blown continuously while the Representatives spoke.

The issue was a call for answers to reports that the demonstrators who were arrested for January 6 activities were being treated unfairly—including solitary confinement, having to eat food off the floor, and even torture. Further, the DOJ has refused to respond to inquiries for several months now. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) opened that it is known that the FBI had foreknowledge of the violence, but any inquiries about the intelligence prior to the violence are being ignored or suppressed. Others who spoke briefly were Louie Gohmert (R-TX), Bob Good (R-VA), Paul Gosar (R-AZ), and Andy Biggs (R-AZ). They all condemned the violence and called for jail time for violators, but they demanded answers regarding the abuse of due process. Gosar repeated his demand for the release of the 1,400 hours of tapes. Greene concluded by addressing the demonstrators:

“We won’t be deterred. We won’t back down. We won’t stop asking questions.” Demonstrators with signboards came within a few feet at that point, and the Representatives abruptly ended their press conference.

## **China’s New Ambassador to Washington Appeals To Put China-U.S. Relations Back on Track**

July 29 (EIRNS)—China’s new Ambassador to the United States Qin Gang, arrived yesterday and gave a brief address to the media. He was recently China’s Vice Foreign Minister. He replaces Cui Tiankai, who served in the Washington Embassy for eight years, from 2013-2021, the longest of any Chinese ambassador to the U.S. At 68, Cui is retiring when he returns to China.

Ambassador Qin said that he would work “to safeguard the foundation of China-U.S. relations, uphold the shared interests of the two peoples, and endeavor to bring China-U.S. relations back on track, turning the way for the two countries to get along with each other—mutual respect, equality, win-win cooperation and a peaceful coexistence—from a possibility into a reality.” He said that the world hopes for a sound, growing, healthy China-U.S. relationship, hence, the need to forge new paths and build new bridges whenever necessary to take us past former challenges. He explicitly referred to the principle enunciated in the recent Xi-Biden exchange, that we are to build bridges of communication and cooperation.

*Global Times* reflected the Chinese view that Qin is well-prepared to handle “over-the-top” challenges from the West. In March then Vice Foreign Minister Qin confronted British Ambassador to Beijing Caroline Wilson regarding U.K. sanctions over Xinjiang, telling her that China had “unwavering determination to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests.” He vowed “necessary and legitimate responses to the U.K.’s wrongdoings.” And in February, Qin responded to the Western complaint of “wolf warrior diplomacy” by responding that those who smear China unscrupulously without any evidence are nothing less than “evil wolves.”

Otherwise, five years ago, it was Qin who was chosen as the diplomatic protocol chief during President Xi Jinping's state visit to the U.S. *Global Times* summed it up by citing Lu Xiang, research fellow on U.S. studies at Beijing's Academy of Science: "Qin has excellent skills of expression, charm, and a big heart to handle the most complicated and also the most important bilateral ties in the world."

## **Nord Stream 2 Coming In to the Finish Line, as the British Empire's U.S. Lackeys Brandish Threats**

July 29 (EIRNS)—On July 28, Nord Stream 2 AG, the project operator for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, informed TASS that the submarine gas pipeline, extending from Russia's Baltic coast and making landfall in Germany to supply gas to the European Union, is now 99% complete. The *Akademik Chersky* pipe-laying vessel, and the *Fortuna* pipe-laying barge, are working at the final section.

As the pipeline nears final completion, a troop of foot-soldiers for the British Empire in the U.S. Senate, consisting of Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) and 11 other Republicans on the Senate Banking Committee, wrote a letter threatening to block two U.S. Treasury nominees, unless the Biden administration reverses its stance on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The letter, addressed to U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, pushed the lie, "If completed, this project will increase Vladimir Putin's malign influence over Europe, destabilize Ukraine's fragile security, and encourage further Russian aggression."

On July 28, Rainer Seele, the CEO of Austria's OMV oil and gas company, expressed hope that the first gas will flow via Nord Stream 2 this year. The two lines of the pipeline have an annual capacity of carrying 55 billion cubic meters of gas.

In response to Ukraine's charges that Nord Stream 2 would diminish the flow of gas from the Russian pipeline through Ukraine to Western Europe, Alexei Miller, CEO of Nord Stream 2's parent company Gazprom, reaffirmed the company's readiness to negotiate gas supplies transiting through Ukraine after the current deal expires in 2024.

**STRATEGIC WAR DANGER****Ryabkov 'Content' with Results of Geneva Strategic Stability Talks with U.S.**

July 29 (EIRNS)—Commenting on the Strategic Stability talks with the U.S. on July 28, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov was positive. The U.S. delegation was led by Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, who had just arrived from talks in Tianjin, China. “As for the meeting’s atmosphere, I’d describe it as very down-to-earth, very businesslike, very focused, conscious and rational, to quote the statement adopted after the Geneva summit on June 16” between Presidents Vladimir Putin and Joseph Biden, he said.

“They are ready. This is a good thing. They sent an impressive delegation representing all departments” from the U.S. and the Washington “worked through its agenda 100%,” he told TASS.

“We managed to broadly present positions to each other; we also heard critical comments from the American side which is very normal; we also heard their opinion about the way we need to continue working. In general, we are very content about this first opening meeting at our level in Geneva,” he told reporters on July 28.

Pointing out that the talks were not a formal “negotiation,” he explained: “We are engaged in dialogue; let’s be frank. It is a less formal process than negotiations. We are fine with that. If this dialogue is conscious and rational, it will be an achievement in itself when we will be able to report back to our leaders about fulfilling the instructions in the way they were delivered.”

It appears that “working groups” could come out of these talks, but that has not yet been agreed upon. “The issue of working groups sounded. The key idea of our approach is that the topics of working groups derive from the task that we want to solve,” Ryabkov said. “Now, we don’t have mutual understanding with the Americans on this issue, but this is a purely passing moment, and a current one; it should not be dramatized at all. What working groups could be and what could be their agenda is an important

issue. Some time later, I think we will iron this out on a reasonable and mutually acceptable basis for Moscow and Washington.”

While saying that what “clearly emerged in the arms-control sphere” was the key topic to act on, they could not agree on how to overcome the current crisis in relations. “We could not work out an answer to this question, it is very difficult. This issue has been long stripped of attention, and we are now only in the beginning of the process of exchanging opinions about what exactly to do and how to continue our work,” he stressed.

As for the U.S. pressure for China to join the arms-control talks, he expressed real doubt. “China proceeds from the fact that Russia and the United States are the largest possessors of nuclear armaments, the biggest nuclear powers by the scope of their arsenals, and it is illegitimate now to raise the issue of Beijing joining these efforts under any formula.”

### **China Reported To Have as Many as 250 New Nuclear Missile Silos under Construction**

July 29 (EIRNS)—According to an analysis of new satellite imagery by Hans Kristensen and Matt Korda of the [Federation of American Scientists](#) published on the FAS website on July 26, China is building a second field of nuclear missile silos, with an estimated 100-120 silos under construction. It follows on from two earlier reports, one by Kristensen from last February on an expansion of the facility in Jilantai that the PLA Rocket Forces use to train their missile crews, and one in the [Washington Post](#), published by Joby Warrick on June 30, on the first missile field near Yumen in Gansu province. Kristensen reports that the second field is located 380 km (240 miles) northwest of the Yumen field near the prefecture-level city of Hami in eastern Xinjiang. The grid-like outline of the entire complex indicates that it may eventually include approximately 110 silos.

“The silo construction at Yumen and Hami constitutes the most significant expansion of the Chinese nuclear arsenal ever. China has for decades operated about 20 silos for liquid-fuel DF-5 ICBMs. With 120 silos under construction at Yumen, another 110 silos at Hami, a dozen silos

at Jilantai, and possibly more silos being added in existing DF-5 deployment areas, the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force appears to have approximately 250 silos under construction—more than ten times the number of ICBM silos in operation today,” Kirstensen and Korda write. “The number of new Chinese silos under construction exceeds the number of silo-based ICBMs operated by Russia, and constitutes more than half of the size of the entire U.S. ICBM force.” They estimate that if all of these silos are loaded with single warhead missiles, the number of warheads on Chinese ICBMs could increase from the currently estimate 185 to 415 and if the missiles are equipped with multiple warheads, that number could go to 875, assuming three warheads per missile.

There's a huge *caveat* to those estimates, however: It's not known how many warheads China will put on its new ICBMs, nor even how many of the silos will be loaded with missiles. Neither is China discussing the strategic considerations behind the decisions that it's apparently making regarding its nuclear forces. Nonetheless, the new silo construction is reported to be a significant expansion of China's nuclear capability, though still likely to end up well short of those of the U.S. and Russia.

According to Vasily Kashin, Deputy Director of the Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, China “is all set to adopt the concept of a retaliatory counter-strike similar to the Russian one.” Kashin told the Russian daily *Kommersant* that it is an important factor that will affect global security, reported the TASS July 28 press review. “For generations, the Americans and us used to live under each other's gun, in constant fear that something will go wrong. A third player will soon join us that has much less experience living under such conditions,” Kashin remarked. According to his estimates, the process will take about ten years. “It will have tangible geopolitical consequences for Russia. Today, it is the only power capable of talking with the U.S. as equals. However, soon it will lose this exclusive position,” emphasized Kashin.

## COVID AND FAMINE

### **The U.S. Returns to Number 1 in New Daily COVID Cases, and Hospitalizations Shoot Up by 250%**

July 29 (EIRNS)—The Delta variant of COVID-19 is ripping through the United States, especially the upper Midwest and parts of the Southeast. On July 28, there were 84,700 official new cases, pushing the 7-day average up to 66,900. This is more than double India's, a nation with four times the population, and getting worse. And just because Delta is more infectious doesn't mean that it is less potent. Nationwide hospitalizations jumped 43.2% last week, and are now up 250% over the last month. Deaths, too, climbed 21% over the last week. The country is now paying for having ignored India's requests for vaccines in March and April, giving the Delta variant a wide berth for its emergence—all so that the U.S. could hoard hundreds of millions of unused doses, now 300 million and counting.

On July 28, the Arkansas Children's Hospital admitted 24 children with COVID-19, 50% more than any in previous peak. None were vaccinated, though more than half of them were eligible. The hospital's Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Rick Barr stated: "This is the worst that we've seen it for kids, absolutely." Hospitals report that parents are stunned and horrified when they actually see the battle to save their children's lives, with reports from doctors and nurses of that parents are now proselytizing friends and neighbors for vaccines—Arkansas's inoculations have almost doubled in the last two weeks. Nationally, vaccinations picked up off the floor and have climbed back to about 380,000/day over the last week—about an eighth of the country's demonstrated capacity to inoculate.

There are approximately 40 million vaccine doses stored in states, or over 100 days' worth, at present levels of usage. Further, the federal government has some 300 million more doses, that states did not order, with several hundred million on order. Last week, the medical news publication *Stat* reported that "several state health departments" had recently called on the federal government to "redistribute their supply to other countries," pointing to fears the doses would soon expire. "We're

drowning in this stuff,” Robert Ator, who heads up Arkansas’s vaccine roll-out, said of the state’s stockpile. “It’s starting to get a bit silly.” The FDA did give the Johnson & Johnson vaccine another reprieve, extending its allowable storage time from 4.5 to 6 months

So, Delta 1, U.S. 0—and now the country gets to squabble over whether they were promised no masking if they rolled up their sleeves for the jab, and whom do they blame. And the coronavirus and its cousins are not negotiating.

## GREEN NEW DEAL

### Green Malthusians Claim Every Three Americans Kill One Person with ‘Emissions’

July 29 (EIRNS)—As if any further evidence were necessary to prove that the Greenies are nuts, Daniel Bressler, from Columbia University’s Earth Institute, published a study in *Nature* today, “[The Mortality Cost of Carbon](#),” claiming that the lifestyles of Americans have such a huge carbon footprint that the emissions of every three Americans are in the process of killing one person by causing the higher temperatures. The British daily *Guardian*, of course, compounds the anti-human hatred, writing that emissions from every coal plant will kill 900 people. “The new research builds upon what is known as the ‘social cost of carbon,’ a monetary figure placed upon the damage caused by each ton of carbon dioxide emissions, by assigning an expected death toll from the emissions that cause the climate crisis,” the *Guardian* summarizes Bressler.

As expected, these Malthusian lunatics claim that their genocidal efforts to shut down the world economy are intended to save lives: “Eliminating planet-heating emissions by 2050 would save an expected 74 million lives around the world this century.”

## SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### Putin Leads Ceremony To Launch Second Tunnel on Baikal-Amur Mainline, Major Railway Upgrade

July 29 (EIRNS)—On July 28, Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) gave the order to open traffic along the second Baikal Mountains tunnel, part of the 4,324 km Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM), that will greatly expand passenger and freight traffic, both nationally and internationally. The first, single-track Baikal tunnel, built in 1985, became a bottleneck to the BAM. The new, double-track tunnel, situated 35 km away from the first tunnel, crosses the Baikal Mountain ridge. The 6.5 km tunnel, which runs as much as 300 meters underground, goes in the west from the Irkutsk Region to the eastern portal in the Republic of Buryatia. The throughput capacity of the segment will surge from 13.2 to 32.4 million tonnes of cargo annually with the opening of the second tunnel. Construction of the tunnel started in 2014 as part of the Baikal-Amur and Trans-Siberian Railways upgrade and development project.

President Putin joined the videoconference ceremony, in a dialogue posted on the Kremlin website, telling his listeners:

“Today, we are launching railway traffic through the second Baikal tunnel. It goes without saying that the tunnel’s creation is an important achievement for the national transport sector and the entire Russian economy. I am happy to note that this significant event is taking place ahead of Railway Workers’ Day, due to be marked on August 1.

“I would like to sincerely congratulate everyone working in the national railway sector on this upcoming holiday. Your intensive and conscientious work facilitates reliable railway traffic all over our huge country, its vast territory, and successfully implements promising development projects....

“With the opening of the new tunnel, the throughput of one of our main railway lines will increase significantly, by several times in fact, from 17 pairs (of trains per day) to 33 during the first stage, and later on, up to 57 as far as I am aware. ... This will certainly open up some new opportunities for business, for increasing freight traffic in the Eastern Operating Domain, for

tapping Russia's entire transit potential. It will also give an additional impetus to economic and social development in a number of regions in Siberia and the Far East.

“Overall, we will continue to develop modern transport infrastructure throughout Russia: we will build airports and sea terminals, and develop motor and rail network. We need this to increase the connectivity of the Russian regions, for convenient movement between cities and regions, for the creation of effective transport corridors to link the European part of Russia and the rest of it beyond the Urals—to connect Europe and Asia in a bigger sense. All these are long-term development plans, which I am sure we will definitely implement by joint efforts.”

Other of the President's interlocutors encouraged building a BAM 3, and a Kuznetsovsky Tunnel which could be built in less time than this one; and a regional governor remarked on the fact that not only were tens of thousands of jobs not lost, but tens of thousands of new jobs will come into play with the expansion of mining and processing along the route.

## NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

### Chilean Scholar Scores Failed U.S. Attempt To Keep Belt and Road Out of Ibero-America and Caribbean

July 29 (EIRNS)—Chile's former Ambassador to China Jorge Heine, now a professor at Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, has written a paper titled “[China's New Silk Road and the Logistic State in Latin America](#),” in which he points to the absurdity of the U.S. trying to keep China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) out of Ibero-America and the Caribbean. He argues that the BRI's focus on infrastructure development and connectivity, encouraging state-led investment and a proactive role for public policies, works. The Washington Consensus neoliberal paradigm, emphasizing balanced budgets, macroeconomic equilibria, deregulation and privatization, doesn't, as seen in the dramatic infrastructure deficit in the region, which is getting worse, as is the case throughout the Global South.

Dr. Heine reviews the history of trans-Pacific trade and economic ties, pointing to the example of the Manila Galleons, which between the mid-16th to the early 19th century, sailed the route from China to the Philippines and then to Mexico's port of Acapulco. These trips were always a factor in Sino-Ibero-American relationships, he stressed, so current trends in China's growing trade with the region are nothing new—the BRI is “part and parcel of these renewed links across the Pacific.” Moreover, he emphasizes, there is a real “confluence between the BRI and China's proposal on infrastructure and connectivity in Latin America on the one hand, and the development needs of the region on the other.” But U.S. policy aimed at excluding Chinese companies from building Ibero-American/Caribbean infrastructure, either physical or digital, “has it exactly backwards.”

This is all the more absurd, he continues, since U.S. construction companies aren't involved in regional projects, just as U.S. telecoms don't take part in current bids to build 5G technology. And, IMF/World Bank and like institutions don't even lend for infrastructure! Hence, Dr. Heine concludes, Washington's policy is “both short-sighted and counterproductive, as many countries, particularly the larger South American ones, will ignore it—which they are already doing.” Rather than look at it as “a zero-sum game, Washington should consider the growth and expansion of Latin American infrastructure and connectivity as a win-win proposition.” Why not work, he advises, at creating a spirit of healthy competition among the region's main trade and investment partners, “rather than ... trying to exclude some of them from the shores of the Western Hemisphere?”