

On climate change, gullible environmentalists and government officials have been conned by another set of China's lies. Indeed, the Biden administration—like that of President Obama—still believes that working with China on climate is so important and achievable that it should excuse bad behavior in other areas. *National Review* quoted an assessment of China's internal plans by the Institute for Energy Research: "With its March [2021] release of a new five-year plan (FYP), the 14th in its history, China has embarrassed its climate cheerleaders in the West. Beijing's plan institutes no carbon cap, no coal phase-out, and no roadmap by which it will execute upon Xi's words. Despite the carbon-neutral-by-2060 pledge, the

FYP emphasizes the importance of coal to China's continued development, not the emissions that come with its use."

All of the tactics outlined here have more to do with thuggery than diplomacy. But the ends—increasing the CCP's influence over not just foreign governments and corporations but also over media outlets, religious groups, academics, civil rights groups, and, at a frighteningly granular level, individual citizens—justify the means. China routinely ignores international trade laws, property laws, environmental laws, drug laws, and pretty much any other law that stands in its way.

Far from being the worst of China's misdeeds, Chinese complicity in the spread of COVID-19 is just a wake-up call. China is fighting us on every front, in ways visible and invisible.