

Will A “Merit Based System” For Immigrants Swell Into A CITIZENSHIP Litmus Test For All Americans? (part 3)

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Red China ‘Takes Names and Keeps Score’ On Citizen Dossiers...

Peering into the not-so-distant future we can look at the blatantly advertised Social Credit/Merit Based System which began in China in 2014. The question that must be asked, “Will American profiles be analyzed as a ‘character score, reputation score, or known traveler’ based on someone else’s opinion about their personalities, using immigration as a basis for surveillance?” Is terrorism being used as a ploy to get personal psychological information to control ALL of its citizens? Are both immigration and education the mechanisms (manufactured crises?) to identify every person with a unique national ID living in the United States?



China Publicly Stating What The United States Has Been Producing On Every Child. Your action is needed.

I have listed the past 2-3 years of articles* about China’s new Character Score/Merit Based System. Their “citizenship” test very much resembles the direction of the United States data collection. After reading through the following descriptions of China’s new/old monitoring/punishment data collection on its citizens, you should reflect on our new education data system under the Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA, FERPA, and the IES.

Please bombard your legislators for an immediate investigation on the US Department of Education and the illegal maneuvering of the ESSA legislation. The following issues must be addressed:

- STOP the collection of personally identifiable information including data collected on your children in your

local school district; STOP the interventions carried out by IDEA (special education) in personalities including the areas of attitudes, values, beliefs, and dispositions:

- Revamp the Family Education Rights In Privacy Act, FERPA, that was weakened by an Executive Order 12866 under former President Obama, that now allows personally identifiable information to be released to outside contractors;
- Dissolve the state longitudinal data systems that collects individual, personal information in all 50 states; eliminate all unique national ID's;
- Legislate privacy protections and initiate due process to children for profound violations under the 1st Amendment protections and rights, which guarantees "right of conscience" and the 4th Amendment, "to be secure in their persons."
- De-fund the IES/NCES database which collects complete psychometric dossiers on our citizens.

If we do not STOP the invasion of privacy, the data collection, and the purging of the American mind, the RED CHINA system explained below could be your future and the future of your children.

NOTES: CHINA'S MERIT BASED CITIZENSHIP SYSTEM

On June 14, 2014, Communist China's "State Council" issued a "**Planning Outline for the Construction of a Social Credit System (2014-2020)**" which states in part:

"A social credit system is an important component part of the Socialist market economy system and the social governance system.... its inherent requirements are establishing the idea of an sincerity culture..., it uses encouragement to keep trust and constraints against breaking trust as incentive mechanisms, and its objective is raising the honest mentality and credit levels of the entire society.

"Accelerating the construction of a social credit system is an important basis for comprehensively implementing the scientific development view and building a harmonious Socialist society, it is an important method to perfect the Socialist market economy system, accelerating and innovating social governance, and it has an important significance for strengthening the sincerity consciousness of the members of society, forging a desirable credit environment, raising the overall competitiveness of the country and stimulating the development of society and the progress of civilization." [From a translation by Rogier Creemers, who studies Chinese media policy and political change at the University of Oxford, of Planning Outline for the Construction of a Social Credit System (2014-2020), Emphasis added.]

"Inside China's plan to give every citizen a character score" [Source: 10/9/15]

"Where you go, what you buy, who you know, how many points are on your driving license, how your pupils rate you. These are just a few of the measures which the Chinese government plans to use to give scores to all its citizens.

"China's Social Credit System (SCS) will come up with these ratings by linking up personal data held by banks, e-commerce sites and social media. The scores will serve not just to indicate an individual's credit risk, but could be used by potential landlords, employers and even romantic partners to gauge an individual's character.

*“It isn’t just about financial creditworthiness,” says Rogier Creemers, who studies Chinese media policy and political change at the University of Oxford. “All that behaviour will be integrated into one comprehensive assessment of you as a person, which will then be **used to make you eligible or ineligible for certain jobs, or social services.**”*

“Construction of the SCS is already well under way. In June this year, the government announced that every organisation in China – companies, NGOs and government bodies – would be given a unique identification number to facilitate the monitoring of their activities.” [Emphasis added]

On November 22, 2015 the *LA Times* changed its headline that read,

“**Taking Names, Keeping Score,**” by Julie Makinen. It was changed to,

“**China Prepares To Rank Citizens on ‘social credit’**” Notice that the original title “Taking Names, Keeping Score” is now back, and the subtitle reads “China plans to rank its 1.3 billion citizens in a Social Credit System” [Source] Read the retitled article “[China prepares to rank its citizens on ‘social credit’](#).”

“Although many details remain unclear, the Social Credit System will essentially be a 21st century update of China’s long-standing secret personnel file system.

*“For decades, the government kept these files, called **dang’an**, on hundreds of millions of urban residents, logging their **performance at school and work**, but also at times recording information that might raise questions about their political leanings, such as whether they had “foreign friends” or read certain books. Cadres could consult these files when **hiring new workers and granting benefits**, but no one was supposed to see his or her own file, which was typically housed in one’s state-assigned work unit.*

*“Chen may avoid many modern conveniences, but hundreds of millions of other Chinese have happily adapted. That’s allowed companies like Alibaba to harness copious amounts of personal data to develop credit scores, which Chinese authorities envision incorporating into a **Social Credit Score**.*

“Using data on its customers’ payment history, net worth, network of friends and associates, educational and professional history and consumption habits, Alibaba now assigns customers credit scores ranging from 350 to 950, with a rating above 700 considered excellent.

*Alibaba encourages customers to share those scores; users can even add them to their online **dating profiles** to boost their appeal to potential mates. And the company has started to offer customers with scores above 750 perks such as rental car or hotel room bookings without a cash*

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MANY in China already have a dang'an, a sealed personnel file with school and employment data.

deposit. The company's cooperation with the government is clear from offers such as a recent promotion that allowed **top scorers access to an express security screening lane** at Beijing's main airport." [Emphasis added]

"China To Use Big Data To Rate Citizens In New 'Social Credit System'" [Source: 4/28/15]

"But, How good a citizen are you? China hopes to answer that question for every one of its citizens with a **numerical rating system** based on their **financial standing, criminal record and social media behavior**. A new translation of the government's plans for a so-called social credit system sheds light on how China aims to **utilize "Big Data" to hold all citizens accountable for financial decisions as well as moral choices.**"

"China To Use Big Data To Rate Citizens In New "Social Credit System" [Source]

"China Is Building The Mother Of All Reputation Systems To Monitor Citizen Behavior:

China's proposal is like a credit score that could encompass your entire life, from work performance to Internet activity." [Source]

"The problem is such systems can quickly become **coercive or directive**—a way for the government to **introduce norms of behavior and then punish people who don't follow along**. The document discusses the possibility of **punishing bad behavior**, for example, by restricting access to social housing."

"On the one hand, this credit system is the institution of commonsensical rules for market behavior. On the other hand, it's a **control tool**," says Creemers. "The Party sets out a **way of behaving**, then it makes that way of behavior rational. You **take away the ability for people to decide on what they think is good** and you take away their choice of living a different lifestyle."

"In China, Your Credit Score Is Now Affected By Your Political Opinions – And Your Friends' Political Opinions" [Source]

"China introduced a universal credit score, where everybody is measured as a number between 350 and 950. But this credit score isn't just affected by how well you manage credit – it also reflects how well your **political opinions** are in line with Chinese official opinions, and whether your friends' are, too.

"This Chinese credit score, which seemed innocent at first, was introduced this summer. More precisely, it was introduced by Alibaba and Tencent, China's IT giants who run the Chinese equivalents of all **social networks**, and who therefore have any and all data about you. People can download an app named "Sesame Credit" from the Alibaba network, and the score has become something of a bragging contest, being interpreted as a kind of "citizen status" – and not entirely falsely so. Almost 100,000 people have posted their "status" online on Weibo, the Chinese equivalent of Twitter.

"In theory, Sesame Credit (and its benefits) is optional. So far. For the time being. But China has

already announced that it, or something very like it, will become mandatory from 2020. It has also announced that while there are **benefits today for obedient people**, it intends to add various **sanctions for people who don't behave**, like limited Internet connectivity. Such people will also be barred from serving in certain high-status and influential positions, like government official, reporter, CEO, statistician, and similar.

*“Things that will make your score deteriorate include posting political opinions without prior permission, talking about or describing a different history than the official one, or even **publishing accurate up-to-date news** from the Shanghai stock market collapse (which was and is embarrassing to the Chinese regime).*

*“The KGB and the Stasi’s method of preventing dissent from taking hold was to plant so-called agents provocateurs in the general population, people who tried to make people agree with dissent, but who actually were after arresting them as soon as they agreed with such dissent. As a result, nobody would dare agree that the government did anything **bad**, and this was very **effective** in preventing any large-scale resistance from taking hold. The Chinese way here is much more subtle, but probably more effective still.” [Emphasis added]*

Summary:

The results are in. What type of scenario can you think of that the United States government could be building with the collection of psychological data? You will have to make a decision of what you want this country to look like in a few years. We did not vote for a unique national ID. WE did not vote for the illegal data collection on our children. We did not vote for our American children to be conditioned and recycled to a government correct attitude or value. We didn't ask for any of this. Yet, the world is spinning round and the American people continue to smile as this oppressive system moves forward.

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