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## *China's Response to Nancy Pelosi's Provocative Visit to Taiwan*

The house speaker's trip sought to reverse the unpopularity of Biden and the Democratic Party and, in the long run, prevent the U.S. economic debacle in the face of China's manifest superiority.



The visit of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Nancy Pelosi and the provocation to China that this entails, can only be interpreted as another action in the escalation of tensions that Washington wants to generate in the world in order to sustain its global hegemony.



A group of pro-China protesters steps on a photo of U.S. House speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The visit pursued two objectives, one of a conjunctural and tactical nature and the other structural and strategic. The first aims to respond and solve the desperate situation of the Democratic Party in the face of the parliamentary elections of November and its projection to the presidential elections of 2024 in which it seems that the party of Biden and Pelosi will lose control of the Congress of the United States first and the White House later if everything remains as it is until now, when the president's discredit is the highest for someone of his inauguration since the end of World War II.

Biden y Pelosi, dos octogenarios que ya están “jugando los descuentos” en su vida política. En esa condición, cuando ya no tienen nada que perder, están asumiendo el “sacrificio” para intentar preservar al partido demócrata del desprestigio en que está inmerso bajo su liderazgo, después de haber estado en el pináculo de la gloria durante la “era Obama”.



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Encarar el aspecto estructural es más complejo. El retroceso económico de Estados Unidos que se extiende a lo largo de los últimos años 40 años, es mucho más difícil de revertir y tal vez nunca pueda hacerse. Hasta ahora, la maquina de producir dólares que Washington posee en exclusiva, su indudable poderío militar y el dominio sin parangón del complejo cultural mediático que manejan a placer, le permite soslayar la crisis, o al menos ocultarla a la vista de la opinión pública. Sin embargo, la pandemia primero y la guerra en Ucrania ahora, han exhibido las falencias de un sistema que no fue capaz ni siquiera de proteger a sus ciudadanos ni defenderlos de los males que aquejan al planeta.



Precisamente, el carácter estructural de esta crisis viene dado porque ante la incapacidad de Estados Unidos para manejar la situación, arrastra tras si las contrariedades que enfrenta el sistema capitalista, poniendo en evidencia su insolvencia para solucionar los

problemas más acuciantes de la humanidad y llevarla adelante por un camino de desarrollo, paz y estabilidad.

En esta situación, la élite estadounidense intenta recuperarse de la crisis económica, activando su principal industria: la de las armas. Vale decir que el mercado interno de Estados Unidos es lejos el mayor del mundo, produciendo 41.930 millones de dólares entre octubre de 2016 y septiembre de 2017 (no obtuve una cifra más actualizada pero se sabe que desde la pandemia las ventas se han duplicado). Las condiciones de marginación de millones de ciudadanos, el racismo, la xenofobia y la incentivación de los conflictos políticos estimulados por los medios de comunicación y el aparato “cultural”, han contribuido al aumento creciente de este negocio en un país donde es posible comprar un fusil de asalto AR-15 por internet a un precio de alrededor de 450 dólares, más bajo que el de un teléfono celular inteligente.



Pero es en la totalidad del planeta donde Estados Unidos hace su verdadero negocio: 800 bases militares, 11 portaviones, 20 buques de asalto anfibio, 21 cruceros, 72 destructores, 23 buques de desembarco, 68 submarinos, además de 3.900 aviones que se estructuran en siete flotas y 9 mandos y comandos regionales, así como los bloques militares como la OTAN, AUKUS, TIAR y otros que ha conformado con los países subordinados, se encargan de incentivar el conflicto y cuando menos, garantizar la prosperidad del negocio en nombre de la libertad y la democracia.

Just today, the sale by the United States to the United Arab Emirates of a batch of THAAD anti-aircraft interceptor missiles, two launch control stations and two tactical operations complexes for a total value of 2,245 million dollars has been announced.

Likewise, the possible sale of Patriot air defense systems and military equipment to Saudi Arabia for a total of more than 3,000 million dollars was approved. Thus, it is easy to understand the functions of a president of the United States, given that in his recent visit to the region, Biden did not obtain positive results either in political matters, nor in those linked to the energy market (keys for any leader who travels to this area of the planet).

Now there is much talk of the war in Ukraine, of course in Europe, but little mention is made of the war conflicts in other parts of the planet caused precisely by the imperialist desire for expansion and global domination. It is worth saying that in Europe, NATO is stimulating Kosovo's aggressiveness against Serbia and the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh between Azerbaijan and Armenia. When you look at the map, you can see that .



Joe Biden vs. Xi Jinping

Likewise, today other armed confrontations are active that are a consequence of almost 5 centuries of occupation and colonial plunder. In this regard, we must mention 5 dynamic conflicts in Central and West Asia and another 11 (affecting 14 countries) in Africa that expose the reality of this trend. I take this opportunity to indicate that none of these outbreaks of war are manifested in Latin America and the Caribbean despite the attempts of Washington and the local oligarchies to generate them. Despite the efforts to conceive of conflicts in our region, the declaration of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace, approved at the second CELAC Summit in Havana in January 2014, has been imposed.

The political elites of the United States (government and congress) as instruments of the Military Industrial Complex, play their role in this regard. To the incentive that produces for the arms business (the largest in the world) the three war conflicts in Europe, the 5 in Asia and the 11 in Africa, not counting the occupation of Palestine by Israel and the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic by Morocco, we had to add the Asia-Pacific.

But it didn't start now. It is a state policy and bipartisan character: the declaration of [Obama's "Asian pivot" doctrine](#), [Trump's](#) policy of trade war against China and the declaration of Russia as a threat and China as the greatest challenge to Western hegemony, agreed at the recent NATO Summit in Madrid are the political basis for the strategic confrontation of the twenty-first century that the United States hopes to wage with China in the Asia-Pacific region. And in this scheme, the stimulus to conflict in the seas surrounding China is fundamental and Taiwan's role as an instrument of disturbance is imperative.

This is what explains Mrs. Pelosi's trip to Taiwan, in the immediate, to try to reverse the popularity figures of Biden and the Democratic Party and in the long term, to prevent the economic debacle that is looming over the United States, given the manifest economic, financial, technological and scientific superiority of China that imply the loss – by peaceful means – of the planetary hegemony of the United States. That is what they are going to try to stop by any means, even the military.

However, for those who assumed that the Chinese response was going to be the downing of Pelosi's plane, the invasion with a naval force of the territory of Taiwan, or the devastation of the island with a rain of hypersonic missiles, it must be said that they know nothing about China, its philosophy, its history, nor of his political and diplomatic practice. On this point, I agree with Josh Rogin, a columnist for the Washington Post, who opined that: "The real crisis around Taiwan could begin after [...] Nancy Pelosi, go back to the United States." Rogin was more explicit when he said that, "The greatest impact of Pelosi's visit will come after her return home, over weeks, months and years."

That is the essence of the Chinese response. As always you have to see it in time. Unlike the West, which needs to generate immediate headlines ahead of the upcoming elections, China, in line with its philosophy and tradition, will build a long-term response... in months and years as Rogin says.



China's military exercises will be held from last Thursday, August 4, until next Sunday. The Chinese replica that will begin to be verified tomorrow, will manifest itself in different ways. Firstly, those in the military sphere. The operations that are being carried out and that formally begin on Thursday 4 and end on Monday 8 are an expression of the largest deployment ever seen in China for an exercise of these characteristics. It includes the use of aviation, ground forces and logistics of strategic level, as well as the deployment of China's most advanced rocket system that includes the DF-17 hypersonic missile that flies at 12,300 km / hour and have a range of 2,500 Km. Taiwan is 120 Km. from the mainland coast of China The DF-17 would take only 35 seconds to reach the island and does not exist, not even in the United States, weapons or any technology that could prevent it. It must be said without euphemisms: if China wanted it, Taiwan would disappear in less than a minute.

El ejercicio se está realizando en 6 zonas navales al sur, este, noreste y noroeste de Taiwán, al oeste no es necesario, ahí está el territorio continental chino. Eso incluye el espacio aéreo suprayacente al ámbito marítimo donde se realizan las operaciones. También sin eufemismos, Taiwán está rodeado por mar y aire. Ayer mismo, lo “denunció” el ministerio de defensa de Taiwán en un comunicado en el que afirma que China “ha invadido aguas territoriales y zonas adyacentes” de la isla agregando que “los simulacros chinos violan las reglas de las Naciones Unidas y equivalen a un bloqueo del espacio aéreo y marítimo de Taiwán”.

## Áreas de ejercicios militares declaradas por China



In this regard, two observations. The first: if the "territory of Taiwan" has been invaded, why did the West do nothing? It is clear that what mattered to the United States was to generate a provocation that would alter the order and stability of the region, it is not at all concerned with the security of the citizens of Taiwan as they are not concerned or interested in that of the Ukrainians. And for this it was enough with the 20 hours that Mrs. Pelosi was on the island. It should also be noted that they use the same concept (invasion) that the West uses to characterize Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

Second question, if Taiwanese territory is surrounded and blocked by air and sea according to the lexicon used by Taiwan's defense ministry, how could Mrs. Pelosi's plane leave the island without problems? It is clear, China's goal was never her, the Chinese government is serious, does not resort to terrorism to assert its rights and also has (as it has

shown for millennia) infinite patience to wait for things to happen when conditions are right.

Having said that, we can understand that the Chinese retort will manifest itself in a different way: the first, the economic one, yesterday measures began to be taken in this area. It must be remembered that the trade balance between China and Taiwan is surplus in favor of Taiwan and that although it is true in the 80s of the last century, when the policy of reform and opening-up began, Taiwan was very important for China, it could be said that today, forty years later, it is the other way around. The decisions that China takes in this matter in safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity will generate an impact on Taiwan's economy that the West will not be able to replace as it cannot in Ukraine.

Finally, and here is the truly strategic. If there could be any hesitation in some sectors of the Chinese elite regarding the need to establish a strategic alliance with Russia, those doubts were dispelled. Russia's support for China at this juncture was immediate and forceful. China, which still in 2019 thought it could develop its economic and political model in peace and harmony with the United States, "came down from that cloud" when Hong Kong's violent and separatist leaders were received in the US Congress where they were offered financial, logistical, political and diplomatic help to continue their secessionist revolt. Do you know who made that commitment and led the support for the terrorists?: Nancy Pelosi.



Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze's "Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way" (1861) symbolizes "Manifest Destiny," or U.S. imperial right to expand. Sources: Rebellion Today, after the agreements of the NATO Summit in Madrid and this affront of the United States to China, it must have been clear to Beijing's leadership that the ultimate goal of NATO expansion is China and that the only way to avoid it is to build and solidify a strategic alliance with Russia that makes the Eurasian space the territory from which the construction of a world of peace, prosperity and cooperation among the peoples of the planet.

The Bible tells us that when he was old and childless, Abraham asked God to grant him the possibility of begetting. The Lord accepted it and performed the miracle for Sarah, Abraham's wife, to conceive her son Isaac at age 90. Now, it was not necessary to implore God: the arrogance and imperial spirit of Mrs. Pelosi made her 82 years old give birth and make strong the strategic alliance between China and Russia that will mark the future of humanity for centuries to come.

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