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If Biden won't protect us from China, then states like mine need to step up and do what we can

TikTok has been banned for state government employees in South Dakota and we are also working to block purchases of agricultural land by China



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South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem bans TikTok for state agencies

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[China's communist government](#) hates America. That may seem overly harsh or simple – but it's a fact. They want to be the strongest nation on earth, and they see America standing in their way. Unfortunately, we have a president in Washington who is not taking this threat seriously. If he won't protect the American people from this very real and growing threat, then states need to step up and do what we can.

[President Joe Biden](#) is not standing up to the Chinese Communist Party. He isn't stopping them from using TikTok to gather data on our citizens. He has not stopped them from purchasing agricultural land and buying up our food supply. He has not taken steps to stop taxpayer dollars from being sent to China.

South Dakota is taking the lead in each of these areas.

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Two weeks ago, [I banned TikTok](#) for state government employees. Since then, state after state has followed our lead. The United States Senate has also followed our lead and unanimously voted to ban

TikTok on U.S. government devices. I encourage the House and President Biden to follow through on this key action.

Our South Dakota Investment Council has also conducted a review of all state investments to see where our state's finances may be tied to Communist China. They have already pulled state investments out of a few [Chinese companies](#), and we all agree that Communist China should not benefit from South Dakota dollars.

Most recently, I announced my plan to block purchases of agricultural land by nations that hate us, and I will work with legislators to make that happen.

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We will create a new board, called the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States – South Dakota, which will make recommendations to me regarding foreign interests trying to purchase ag land in [South Dakota](#). If they are tied to China or another nation that hates us, I will reject the purchase.

A recent report showed that 47 million acres of ag land – or nearly 2% of all ag land in the country – is held by foreign investors. In states like Florida and Texas, it's more than 2.4%.

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South Dakota has a much smaller share, and I'm proud of that, but there is room for our laws to improve. We will take action to make it happen.

South Dakota will continue to lead by example. We will stand up to protect our people from the emerging threat of [Communist China](#). And I hope that other states across the nation continue to follow our lead.

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Republican Kristi Noem is the 33rd governor of South Dakota and the first female governor of the Mount Rushmore State.

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This is good to see, the Governors of this country starting to wake up. President Trump started to push back on Governors that needed to be told what to do during the pandemic, some took the push back to heart and began governing and are growing stronger by the day, some not so much and their states continue to languish in the Biden economy and policies. Good on Governor Noem, she looks out for the people of her state, we need more like her.

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Imagine that! A common sense governor with 20/20 vision and foresight .. I wish you were governor of my state!

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She also said charging a person for a carry permit to exercise their Second Amendment Right goes against the Constitution so her state is issuing carry permits for free.

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Presidential material girl, to coin a phrase. 🙌👍

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She is spot on. Biden is not looking out for us as a nation but only himself and his left-dominated party.

His complacency and half-hearted response to China's long slow quiet war on us will cost us being cast aside by China on its goal of world domination.

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What biden has done w/regards to China and the US is PURPOSEFUL. He knows full well he sold himself and America out to the HIGHEST bidder. THIS is about pure GREED and HATRED of AMERICA.

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Don't expect any Democrat to protect the USA from China. China OWNS the Democrats:

"In 2013, then-Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden flew aboard Air Force Two to China. Less than two weeks later, Hunter Biden's firm inked a \$1 billion private equity deal with a subsidiary of the Chinese government's Bank of China. The deal was later expanded to \$1.5 billion. In short, the Chinese government funded a business that it co-owned along with the son of a sitting vice president."

The troubling reason why Biden is so soft on China

--- New York Post May 2019

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China owns the Waltons and the Waltons own America. Read a book sometime if you know how to read.

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Yep, follow the money.

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now, frame a state bill that will outlaw the sale of any property to socialist or communist run countries. they should not be allowed to 'own' anything; they are socialists and shouldn't be owning property

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Every bit of land they own should be forfeited to the state it's in.

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Many phone providers put Tik Tok on their phones as standard apps.. I removed it off mine..

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Noem is pretty impressive. She'd make a good VP candidate.

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I've always been impressed with the size of her cranium. She's clearly a very intelligent woman.

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Yeeah. But just as importantly she has the courage, like DeSantis, Trump and Abbott, to stand in opposition to the feds. Many Republicans cave--like Turtle.

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"Hunter Biden emails 'identify Joe Biden as 'the Big Guy' who would receive 10% share in deal with Chinese energy firm', report says"

--- DailyMail (UK) 12/24/20

China is laughing at the USA --- they OWN our president.

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Take a close look at the entire Biden Administration and it not just China laughing it's all of America's enemy's. And even those aren't are. It's a regular clown and puppet show.

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"Biden Admin Sold 1 Million Barrels of Oil to Chinese-Owned Company Tied To Hunter Biden"

--- Townhall 7/8/22

"Biden Admin Sold Nearly 1 Million Barrels Of Oil To Chinese State-Owned Company Tied To Hunter Biden"

--- The Daily Wire 7/7/22

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Don't forget what Biden just did for Maduro of Venezuela by lifting all Human Rights Violations and Sanctions, so Chevron to drill oil.

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Why Biden supports China into the United States is beyond me... unless it has something to do with Hunter's business dealings.

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"...we have a president in Washington who is not taking this threat seriously."

That is because the chinese bought and paid for him first

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At the very least, any country that doesn't allow US citizens to buy land in their country should be banned from buying in the USA.

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Thank goodness for leaders like the South Dakota governor. We keep hearing about foreign companies buying up millions of acres of our agricultural land. Why?? Biden evidently doesn't care, so hopefully this governor can stir up enough interest to create some kind of vetting process - or an outri...[See more](#)

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if it isn't foreign countries it's Bill Gates and really...which is worse?

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I hope she runs for President soon. We need a strong person as President!!

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The president's #1 job is to protect this country and its citizens and Biden has NOT done that. He has allowed an invasion through an open border, created an extreme amount of hatred and division, and seems to be in bed with China...

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