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Socialism, China, Mr Rudd & the Australian government

With governments in Australia and the USA borrowing huge amounts of money to bail out companies and banks as well as giving away money through 'stimulus packages', questions need to be asked about the direction our nation is going in.

* Where is the money coming from?

It seems that a considerable amount is coming from China – more below...

- * Is it wise to hand out huge amounts of money that we don't have, putting our grandchildren into debt for years to come?
- * Is it the role of government to prop up or bail out industries, companies or banks?

If they prop up some – for instance **Pacific Brands** had received \$17 million in assistance prior to announcing it would cut 1,800 jobs and take some of its manufacturing to China – then where do they draw the line? What about the small businesses who are suffering form the financial crisis – due to lack of customers or the fallen exchange rate?

Of course, if governments nationalise the banks or bail out all the businesses we end up going in the direction of the failed ideology of **socialism**.

Article: 'The Socialization of America' by David Noebel

We have attached an excellent article by David Noebel, the leader of Summit Ministries in the USA.

The article addresses the current financial crisis and the history of socialism...

We hosted the week-long Worldview School with Summit Ministries in January 2008 and plan to hold another Summit in January 2010.

The article is titled 'The Socialization of America" - also at this link.

An interview with David speaking about the article is also available on Christian Worldview Network. Click here to listen to the interview.

David has monitored communism and socialism for many years, and edits the **Schwartz Report** on communism (originally started by the late Sydney doctor, Dr. Fred Schwarz).

In the article, David refers to events such as the start of the Fabian Socialists.

He writes "Today's financial events illustrate that America is not exempt from being led toward socialism. Predictions differ, depending on one's perspective, as to whether this will be a socialistic paradise or a socialistic hell. Time will tell. In the meantime, we'd do well to listen to warnings of the past...."

China, Mr Rudd and the Australian Government

Ironically the biggest communist nation – China, or the **People's Republic of China** – has tried to blend some parts of capitalism with their communism in recent years.

In fact, China is actually lending money to help in the bail-outs!

How is that China has so much to invest around the world when many Chinese people live in such poor conditions – with low pay rates and high pollution?

Of particular concern is the news that China is investing heavily in Australian government bonds... China's funding of Aussie debt causes concern

Courier Mail, Steve Lewis - March 26, 2009

CHINA is secretly helping to bankroll Kevin Rudd's economic rescue plan as concerns grow over the its relationship with the Labor Government.

The Courier-Mail can confirm that China is a significant investor in Australian government bonds - used by Canberra to fund billions of dollars in emergency spending.

Market insiders believe China is buying 15 to 20 per cent of the \$2 billion in Treasury securities being issued every week.

The program, authorised by Treasurer Wayne Swan, will leave Australia with a debt bill approaching \$200

billion..."

Business Section: China bankrolling Kevin Rudd's stimulus plan by buying government bonds

See also the article: Paul Syvret: China props up world

Kevin Rudd and China

It is concerning to hear that **Prime Minister Kevin Rudd** held meetings at the Lodge **with Li Changchun**, the head of propaganda, media and ideology for the Chinese Communist Party - and ranked five in China's nine-person ruling politburo standing committee.

The meeting was held just before Mr Rudd left for his current trip to the USA.

The meeting was reported on Chinese media, but Australian media were apparently not told of the meeting.

PM Kevin Rudd keeps Lodge talks with Chinese secret | The Australian

The Australian, 26 Mar 2009

During his trip to the USA, Mr Rudd is reported as "urging Americans not to view China as the enemy". When asked in this <u>interview</u> whether China was a competitor, an ally or an enemy, he said "China represents a huge opportunity" and that China should be integrated into "global governance institutions". The interviewer, Jim Lehrer, referred to Kevin Rudd's previous role as a professional diplomat to China.

Australia's Rudd to America: China is not an enemy

SYDNEY (AP) – 26 March 2009 — Australia Prime Minister **Kevin Rudd** has urged Americans not to view **China** as an enemy but as a country offering huge economic opportunities, ...

Mr Fitzgibbon and Helen Liu

Meanwhile the federal government's Defence Minister **Joel Fitzgibbon**'s future is under a cloud because of his close association with Chinese businesswoman **Helen Liu** who has close connections to the Chinese government. He received two trips to China from her whilst in Opposition but didn't declare them on his register. She has also reportedly made sizeable donations to the Labor Party.

'Inexplicable': Fitzgibbon on trip omission

SMH, Deborah Snow - March 27, 2009

How Defence officials spied on Fitzgibbon

Canberra Times, 26/03/2009

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