

Problems of Anti-“Alien” Racism among Conservative Chinese

Part Four: Anti-African Racist Theory and Advocacy by Right-Wing “Public Intellectuals” in China

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In addition to racism against African-Americans among some conservative White people, racism against Africans and African-Americans are also rampant among conservative and right-wing Chinese or simply ignorant Chinese with no sense of

respect for “alien” cultures; and many cases can be found in YouTube, if you search by the key words “racism against Africans in Guangzhou.”

Some YouTube movies dealing with the subject of the living conditions of African residents, and anti-African racism in Guangzhou, China, and with the issue of intermarriage between African men and Chinese women. Some Chinese right-wing “public intellectuals” have been obviously influenced by racist theories in Europe and the United State, to form their own brands of anti-African racism “with Chinese characteristics.” Relevant YouTube videos are listed below.

1. *“France Has Been ‘Occupied’ by the Black People, How Should China Deal with the Black People? History Has Given Us An Answer”* (法国已被黑人“占领”，中国该如何对待黑人？历史已告诉我们答案), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zR7VQJtMoEE>. In this video, a Chinese woman commentator explained the reasons why France has a large and growing African immigrant population (more than 325,000 Black Africans enlisted in General de Gaul’s army to help liberate France from Nazi occupation, shortage of human resources after World War Two for the reconstruction of France, high birth rate of Black African immigrants versus very low birth rate of White French women, resulting in over 60% of new babies in France are Black); she then analyzed why Japan does not have a noticeable presence of Black immigrant population (Japan’s immigration law is very tough and contains a lot of stipulations specifically designed to prevent Africans from settling in Japan); she then analyzed China’s practice of accepting foreign immigrants (during Tang Dynasty, China was the most powerful nation of the world; thus, China welcome foreign immigrants and even appointed some of them to high positions in the government); the commentator next advocated some moderate and practical ideas on the issue of immigration for the current Chinese Government (accept immigrants but defend Chinese Civilization against foreign cultural encroachment).
2. *“The Number of White People Is Continuously Declining, While the Number of Black People Is Continuously Increasing, What Does This Mean for the United States?”* (美國白人越來越少，黑人越來越多，這意味著什麼?), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFMDHivAOdc>. In this video, a Chinese woman commentator talked about changes in America’s population make-up in terms of the continuous increase of Black population in some areas and the continuous decrease of the number of White people; she expressed concern that if the Anglo-Saxon-Americans lose their current position as the mainstream racial group, and the African-Americans become the mainstream racial group, then the United States will be facing serious problems of political instability, citing the issue of Catalonia Independence Movement in Spain which the commentator believed to be caused by the fact that Catalonians are the mainstream ethnic group in the region. The position of the commentator is obviously racist, and her arguments are based on a lack of understanding of facts and factors that cause social changes. First of all, in the United States, Anglo-Saxon is more an ethnic-cultural rather than a racial-genetic thing, among the White-Americans, except in the early years of the United States, the Anglo-Saxons, or descendants of Puritans who

came from the British Isles, are not the majority of White immigrants from Europe; according to Quora.com (<https://www.quora.com/What-percentage-of-Americans-are-actually-of-Anglo-Saxon-ancestry>), “As for U.S. American whites, the largest immigration group is Germans, followed by Irish, English, Italians, Poles, French, Scots, Scotch-Irish, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Russian, French Canadian, Welsh, Czech, Hungarian, Portuguese, Danish and Greek;” the same website also indicates that “Anglo-Saxons were a group of Germanic tribes that invaded Britain after the fall of the Roman rule. They were Angles, Jutes, Saxons, Frisians, Franks and probably some other minor groups. They didn’t wipe out the native inhabitants, they mixed with them. Later invaders would follow the same trend. So as a racial or ethnic classification, Anglo-Saxon doesn’t make much sense nowadays. This word is used mainly as synonym of White and Protestant, but it includes peoples that have nothing to do with Anglo Saxons, such as Irish, Welsh and Scots, who are mainly Celts;” in addition, due to extensive practice of inter-marriage in the United States which was traditionally a “melting pot,” most of the White-Americans who identify themselves as “Anglo-Saxons” do not possess pure blood lineage in strictly racial-genetic terms, rather, they contain some percentage of genetics from fellow “White stocks” such as German or Irish, and even from other “racial stocks” from Native-Americans or even African-Americans. I once met a White man who told me that he possesses all genetic elements from all races and that America will continue to be a “melting pot” until one day it becomes an “American Super Race” that melts down all races and possesses all strengths from all people in the world; he believes that there is no such thing as White or Black or Yellow Races, but only one human race. All social instabilities are actually due to unbalance of economic power or stratification of society into the “haves” and the “have-nots,” or to other economic issues, for example, Catalonia in Spain has 10% of Spanish population but pays 20% of taxes, so the local people want to break away because of conflict in economic interests. Therefore, the argument of the Chinese woman commentator that when the Anglo-Saxons (she actually means the White-Americans) lose their mainstream position to the African-Americans, then the United States will face serious problems of political instability is sounding a false alarm.

The above two videos indicate that anti-African racism in China, at grass-roots level, has entered a new stage of theory-construction, beyond the early stage of sporadic and spontaneous reactions against particular conflicts. This should raise some concerns indeed!