



China Using Zimbabwe To Perfect Facial Recognition

In the late 1970s, the murderous rampage of Marxist rebels virtually destroyed the gem of southern Africa. The vacuum was filled by a brutal dictator and now China's Technocracy is firmly establishing itself.

Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) is a perfect example of what Zbigniew Brzezinski meant when he said the Marxism is a necessary stepping stone to the final order of things, which he termed the Technetronic Era. Rhodesia was originally a colony of Britain and highly civilized, prosperous and beautiful. When Britain granted independence, Marxist rebels tore the nation to shreds by purging educated citizens and driving white farmers off their properties. After decades of living under a brutal and ignorant dictator, Robert Mugabe, China has now moved in and is rubber-stamping Technocracy.

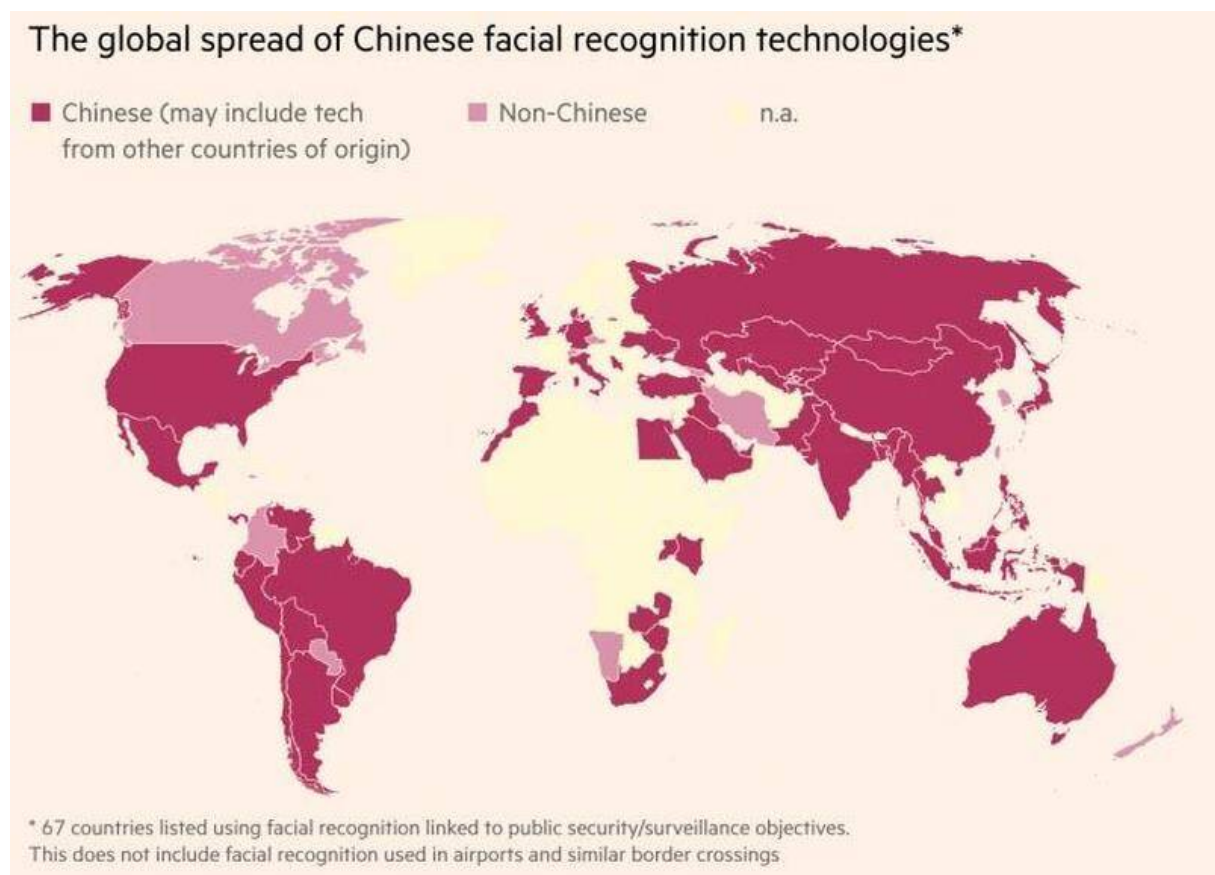
Thus, Marxism destroys existing governments, paving the way for Technocratic Scientific Dictatorship. This is also the globalist plan for America, and I hope you get this point: Marxism is not the end, but only

the means to an even worse end: Technocracy. □ TN Editor

As China spreads its economic footprints across multiple continents with The Belt and Road Initiative, and exercises more and more control over the lives of its subjects via a combination its Social Credit Score system and vast surveillance state, it appears Beijing's Big Brother has run into an issue that needs to be addressed to achieve world domination... **inaccuracy!**

Facial recognition systems are becoming more and more mainstream and accepted by an increasing number of 'average joes' around the world as the cost of security (or just ease of life). The problem is, *as we detailed previously*, **for some segments of society, it is wildly inaccurate.**

Specifically, after Oakland and San Francisco voted against the use of facial recognition, Rep. Tashida **Tlaib claimed that "the error rate among African-Americans, especially women," was 60 percent.**



During a test run by the ACLU of Northern California, **facial recognition misidentified 26 members of the California**

legislature as people in a database of arrest photos.

Some tech firms have tried to 'fix' this extremely high-level of inaccuracy for certain cohorts by **tricking black people into being scanned**.

But China's tech behemoths have taken the process of training their algos on non-white faces to a whole new level.

As The FT reports, **a deal between Chinese facial recognition company CloudWalk and the government of Zimbabwe means the latter will send data on millions of African faces to the Chinese company to help train the technology.**

"African states tend to go along with what is being put forward by China and the ITU as they don't have the resources to develop standards themselves," said Richard Wingfield, head of legal at Global Partners Digital, a company working on human rights on the internet.

Perhaps somewhat shockingly, The FT reports that **over the past few years, Chinese surveillance infrastructure has swept across regions from Angola to Zimbabwe**. For example, earlier this year South African company Vumacam installed 15,000 surveillance cameras with facial recognition capabilities in Johannesburg, supplied by Hikvision.

In August, Uganda confirmed the nationwide installation of Huawei surveillance cameras with face recognition capabilities. Similarly, the Singapore government plans to install facial recognition cameras on its lampposts, a contract that Chinese start-up Yitu has bid for, according to local reports.

As Foreign Policy previously noted, this agreement **will also enable Zimbabwe, a country with a bleak record on human rights, to replicate parts of the surveillance infrastructure that have made freedoms so limited in China**. And by gaining access to a population with a racial mix far different from China's, CloudWalk will be better able to train racial biases out of its facial recognition systems - a problem that has beleaguered facial recognition companies around the

world and which could give China a vital edge.

“People did not consent to the use of their biometric data in this way,” Hove said.

“Unfortunately, people do not have any way of holding the government accountable as **there are no laws in place or any regulatory body tasked with the protection of people’s privacy or data protection.**”

Zimbabwe’s 2002 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act doesn’t cover biometric data or cross-border flows of data, and, as Hove notes, “the government has rarely ever acted in the people’s interests.”

The CloudWalk deal is built on the back of a long-standing relationship between former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe’s regime, seen by China as an ideological ally, and Beijing.

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