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PARTE I – TEMA PRINCIPAL

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (1) [FONTE: NYT, 18/03/2021]

Russia Erupts in Fury Over Biden's Calling Putin a Killer

The Kremlin described the U.S. president's response to an interview question as "very bad," and recalled its ambassador to "analyze what needs to be done" about the countries' relations.



Joseph R. Biden Jr., then vice president, meeting with Vladimir V. Putin, then Russia's prime minister, in 2011. Maxim Shipenkov/EPA, via Shutterstock

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (2) [FONTE: NYT, 18/03/2021]

The previous evening, Russia took the rare step of recalling its ambassador to Washington after Mr. Biden's comments in a television interview, warning of the possibility of an "irreversible deterioration of relations." On Thursday, seated in a gilded chair on the seventh anniversary of Russia's annexation of Crimea, Mr. Putin all but called Mr. Biden a killer himself.

"When I was a child, when we argued in the courtyard, we said the following: 'If you call someone names, that's really your name,'" Mr. Putin said, quoting a Russian schoolyard rhyme. "When we characterize other people, or even when we characterize other states, other people, it is always as though we are looking in the mirror."

Despite Mr. Biden's long-running criticism of Mr. Putin, some Russian analysts had voiced hope that the Kremlin could forge a productive working relationship with the new administration in Washington on areas of common interest. But Mr. Biden's combative stance in an interview with ABC News that was broadcast on Wednesday seemed to puncture those hopes, even as many of Mr. Putin's critics praised the American president's comments.

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Pyotr O. Tolstoy, the deputy chairman of the lower house of Parliament, thundered that "the only language" that Americans understand "is, unfortunately, the language of force." Another senior lawmaker, Andrei A. Turchak, described Mr. Biden's utterance as "a challenge to our entire nation."

"Conservative American journalists already suspected that Biden has dementia during the campaign," a reporter intoned in prime time on the state-run Channel 1. "Over time, these suspicions have only intensified."

Mr. Putin, in his comments on Thursday, picked up on the notion being pushed by the Kremlin's news media that Mr. Biden was somehow unwell.

"I would tell him: Be healthy," Mr. Putin said, in response to a question about Mr. Biden's comments posed by a woman in Crimea in a televised video conference on Thursday. "I wish him good health. I say this without irony, without joking."

On Thursday evening, Mr. Putin appeared to try to tamp down tensions, and said he would direct officials to set up a phone call with Mr. Biden in the coming days because "we can and we must continue to have relations."

Addressing another flash point between Moscow and Washington, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken on Thursday said the construction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, between Russia and Germany, was a "bad deal," echoing Mr. Biden's resistance to the project.

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (4) [FONTE: RT News, 18/03/2021]

As tensions escalate over 'killergate', Moscow snubs Biden at UN, only sends deputy envoy to virtual summit with US president



Russia was the only nation that refused to send its top UN representative to talks with US President Joe Biden on Thursday, electing instead to dispatch a deputy envoy, as a diplomatic row between Moscow and Washington worsens.

President Biden had invited permanent representatives from the United Nations Security Council, on which Moscow has continuous representation, to discuss his country's "commitment to values-based global leadership." In addition, the president called for action on crises in regions across the world, including Myanmar, Ethiopia, Syria, and Yemen.

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (5) [FONTE: RT News, 18/03/2021]

The decision comes amid a week in which Biden and his Russian counterpart, President Vladimir Putin, have traded barbs in the press. In an explosive interview with ABC earlier this week, Biden was asked whether he thought Putin was a killer. "Mmm hmm, I do," Biden replied.

On Thursday, the Russian leader responded, arguing that judging other countries is often "like looking in a mirror."

"When I was a kid, when we were arguing with each other in the playground, we used to say, 'Whatever you say [about others] is what you are yourself," Putin said.

The US is expected to unveil new sanctions on Russia as early as next week in response to claims that Moscow attempted to influence the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. A joint report by US intelligence agencies argued that a network of Russian proxies had worked with the aim of "denigrating President Biden's candidacy and the Democratic Party, supporting former President Trump, undermining public confidence in the electoral process, and exacerbating sociopolitical divisions in the US."

On Wednesday, Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, denied the claims, insisting that "Russia has nothing to do with any campaigns against any of the candidates. In this regard, we consider this report to be incorrect." Instead, he argued, the allegations were being used as an excuse to introduce new sanctions.

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Revenge of the stairs: White House dismisses Biden stumble as minor mishap in windy weather, but some jokingly blame Kremlin

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Critics of Joe Biden had a field day after his awkward boarding of the Air Force One, bringing up his past mockery of Donald Trump's mobility issues. But some say (in jest) Joe should blame the Kremlin rather than strong winds.

The video of Biden's <u>stumbling</u> walk up the steps on Friday provided the inspiration for many jokes, ranging in tone from light-hearted puns and video game mashups, to <u>ableist digs</u>, and partisan attacks gleefully <u>shared</u> by the Trumpworld.

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (7) [FONTE: RT News, 18/03/2021]

Biden-friendly media was eager to play up every instance of Donald Trump's awkward behavior when he was the president. And, while on the campaign trail, Joe Biden wasn't beyond making a few boastful comparisons between himself and his Republican rival, especially when his own age and physical fitness came into question.

The White House understandably downplayed the stair incident, blaming windy weather and assuring the US public that their leader was 100% fine after the stumbling episode.

But some people quipped that the situation could have been more sinister than it looked. What if it's not the wind, or age, or simple human error, they posited, but a clandestine operation to retaliate for Biden calling a certain world leader a "killer"? The ODNI and MSDNC are already on the trail!

It's anyone's guess as to whether the unfortunate stair was doing someone's bidding. But Russia has long been the favorite boogeyman for people in the US who portray Trump as an "illegitimate president" and an agent of Russia's Vladimir Putin.

Rachel Maddow, for example, insinuated this week that Trump empowered a Russian operative to sabotage the US' response to Covid-19. She capped the episode by calling the story "nutty stuff" – though presumably not in the sense that it was an evidence-free conspiracy theory.

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflitos: a Rússia e a China (8) [FONTE: Real Clear Politics, 20/03/2021]



U.S., China Wrap Up Testy 1st Face-to-Face Talks Under Biden



Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (9) [FONTE: Real Clear Politics, 20/03/2021]

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Top U.S. and Chinese officials wrapped up two days of contentious talks in Alaska on Friday after trading sharp and unusually public barbs over vastly different views of each other and the world in their first face-to-face meeting since President Joe Biden took office.

The two sides finished the meetings after an opening session in which they attacked each other in an unusually public way. The U.S. accused the Chinese delegation of "grandstanding" and Beijing fired back, saying there was a "strong smell of gunpowder and drama" that was entirely the fault of the Americans.

The meetings in Anchorage were a new test in increasingly troubled relations between the two countries, which are at odds over a range of issues from trade to human rights in Tibet, Hong Kong and China's western Xinjiang region, as well as over Taiwan, China's assertiveness in the South China Sea and the coronavirus pandemic.

"We got a defensive response," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said after the meetings concluded.

"We wanted to share with them the significant concerns that we have about a number of the actions that China has taken, and behaviors exhibiting concerns, shared by our allies and partners," he said. "And we did that. We also wanted to lay out very clearly, our own policies, priorities, and worldview. And we did that too."

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"China is going to safeguard our national sovereignty, security and our interests to develop China," he said. "It is an irreversible trend," he said.

"We hope the United States is not going to underestimate China's determination to defend its territory, safeguard its people and defend its righteous interests," he said.

As they opened the talks on Thursday, Blinken said the Biden administration is united with its allies in pushing back against Chinese authoritarianism. In response, Yang accused Washington of hypocrisy on human rights and other issues, many of which Blinken mentioned in his comments.

"Each of these actions threaten the rules-based order that maintains global stability," Blinken said of China's actions. "That's why they're not merely internal matters, and why we feel an obligation to raise these issues here today."

National security adviser Jake Sullivan amplified the criticism, saying China has undertaken an "assault on basic values."

Yang responded angrily by demanding the U.S. stop pushing its own version of democracy at a time when the United States itself has been roiled by domestic discontent. He also accused the U.S. of failing to deal with its own human rights problems and took issue with what he said was "condescension" from Blinken, Sullivan and other U.S. officials.

Os EUA em duas frentes de conflito: a Rússia e a China (11) [FONTE: Global Times, 19/03/2021]

Netizens applaud Chinese delegation's sharp response to US at Alaska talks

By Huang Lanlan and Yang Sheng

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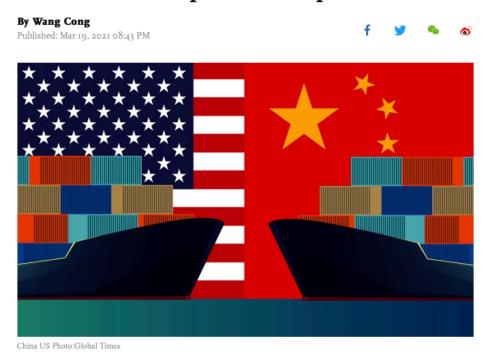
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Chinese netizens applauded the sharp counterattack by the Chinese delegation in responding to the US side's arrogance and aggression at the <u>China-US high-level meeting in Alaska</u> on Friday. Chinese diplomats' hardline stance shows their determination and confidence in protecting the interests of today's China, netizens said.

In the face <u>the US provocation</u> at the talks, the hard-hitting remarks of the Chinese delegation – such as "the US side is not qualified to speak to China from a position of strength" – excited Chinese netizens on Friday, many of whom said they were very proud to see their motherland and its diplomats becoming more powerful and dauntless day by day.

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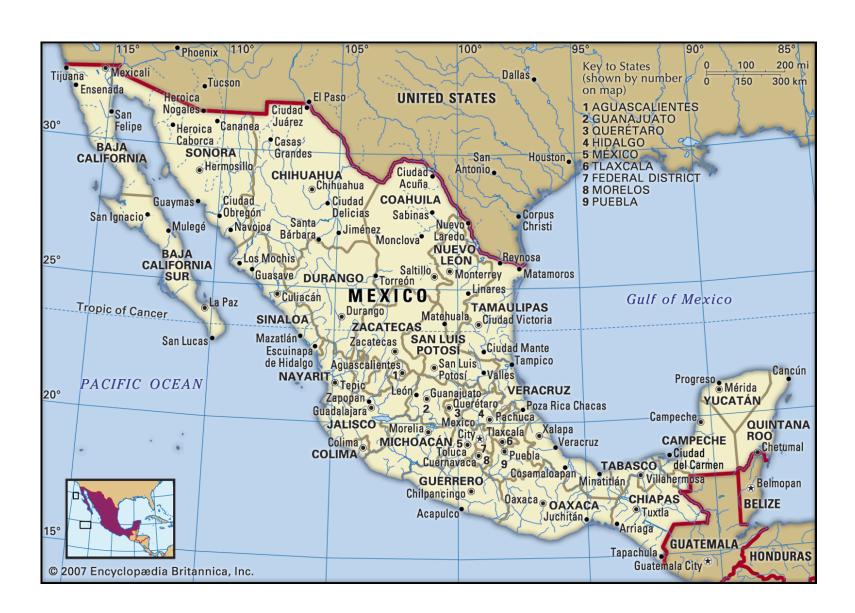
After China-US confrontational talks, eyes turn to trade for possible cooperation



After the world saw what has been characterized as an unprecedented open confrontation between China and the US, many in the business world are turning their eyes to trade in the hope of possible cooperation, as the two biggest economic powers appear to be in a deadlock on major political and security issues, but there remains massive mutual economic interests that could pull the countries from plunging into wider conflict.

Crise na fronteira com o México: um passo em falso do governo de Joe Biden? (1) [FONTE:

Encyclopaedia Britannica]



Crise na fronteira com o México: um passo em falso do governo de Joe Biden? (2) [FONTE: Real

Clear Politics, 19/03/2021]



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For One Brief Moment, WH Calls Border Surge a 'Crisis'

By Philip Wegmann - RCP Staff



At the White House on Thursday, the president's press secretary was confirming reports that the United States had agreed to supply Mexico with excess coronavirus vaccine when she stumbled into a potential problem.

Crise na fronteira com o México: um passo em falso do governo de Joe Biden? (3) [FONTE: Real

Clear Politics, 19/03/2021]

The slip was the latest episode in the semantics battle between Democrats and Republicans but also an illustration of the difficulty this White House faces as the administration deals with a migrant surge at a moment when the president would rather focus on pandemic recovery.

The administration has not finalized the agreement for how to "lend" the AstraZeneca doses to Mexico, though Psaki announced that the plan was to send 2.5 million of them to our neighboring country. (The AstraZeneca vaccine has not yet been granted emergency-use authorization in the U.S., but has been given elsewhere in the world.) However, she stressed that the priority is ensuring that every American adult gets access to one of the approved vaccines. Later in the afternoon, Biden didn't even mention the loaned doses, let alone the migrant situation.

"I'm proud to announce that tomorrow, 58 days into our administration, we will have met my goal of administering 100 million shots to our fellow Americans. That's weeks ahead of schedule," the president said in a White House speech celebrating the milestone.

While he did not respond to shouted questions, a senior Customs and Border Patrol agent told Fox News that "the president understands it is a crisis, which is why he told migrants, 'Don't come over.'" It was a reference to an interview Biden did with ABC News earlier in the week, the first time he addressed the situation at any length since coming into office. "Yes, I can say quite clearly: Don't come over," he told George Stephanopoulos, adding, "Don't leave your town or city or community."

Crise na fronteira com o México: um passo em falso do governo de Joe Biden? (4) [FONTE: CNN,

19/03/2021]

President Joe Biden has got his first big political crisis that is all his own

Analysis by Stephen Collinson with Tatiana Arias, CNN

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Asylum seeking migrant families and unaccompanied minors from Central America take refuge in a makeshift U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing center on March 12, 2021.

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(CNN) — President Joe Biden has got his first big political crisis that is all his own.

When he took power, it seemed in many ways that the United States had nowhere to go but up after facing the pandemic and consequent economic disaster. But a sudden influx of thousands of children across the US-Mexico border has presented the first emergency to unfold on the new President's watch.

Crise na fronteira com o México: um passo em falso do governo de Joe Biden? (5) [FONTE: CNN,

19/03/2021]

But the false idea that the US is now a soft touch is not the only reason why so many immigrants are arriving at the southern border; last year's severe hurricanes forced hundreds of thousands of Central Americans to evacuate, destroyed livelihoods and worsened already grave economic conditions in nations plagued by crime and violence.

Facts and truth quickly go missing when it comes to an issue as politically radioactive in the United States as immigration, which launched Donald Trump's demagogic quest for the White House. Republicans keen to deflect attention from Biden's successful Covid-19 rescue bill and a quickening vaccine drive are flocking to the border. House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy warned that migrants from Yemen, Iran, Sri Lanka and "even" Chinese were sneaking across, in the kind of racial rhetoric designed to scare White Americans that Trump perfected.

The White House has looked slow off the mark, refusing to admit publicly that the situation is what it is: a crisis. It is now rushing personnel to the Southwest, opening holding centers for child migrants and warning in multiple outlets, including Spanish-language radio, that people shouldn't rush the border. But than thousands of kids have been being held in rudimentary US Border Patrol custody facilities, some for many days longer than the law permits, crowded in with limited access to showers or sunlight.

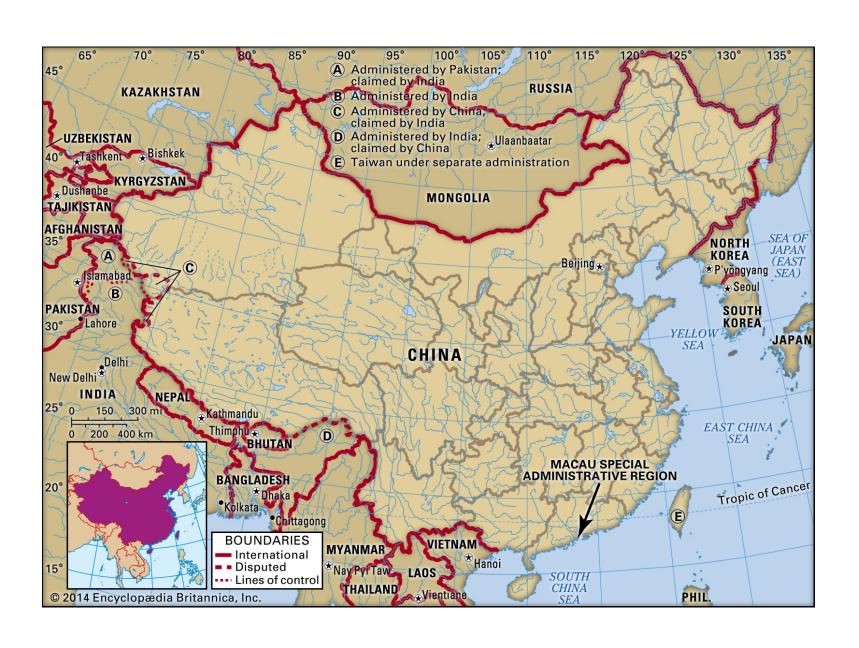
More than 100,000 undocumented migrants were apprehended crossing the border in the last month. Figuring out how to deal with them is not as tough as getting injections in the arms of nearly 330 million Americans, but to alleviate a desperate humanitarian crisis -- and for his own political good -- Biden needs to get a handle on the border situation ASAP.



PARTE II - NOTAS BREVES

O controlo da China sobre Macau (1) [FONTE:

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O controlo da China sobre Macau (2) [FONTE:

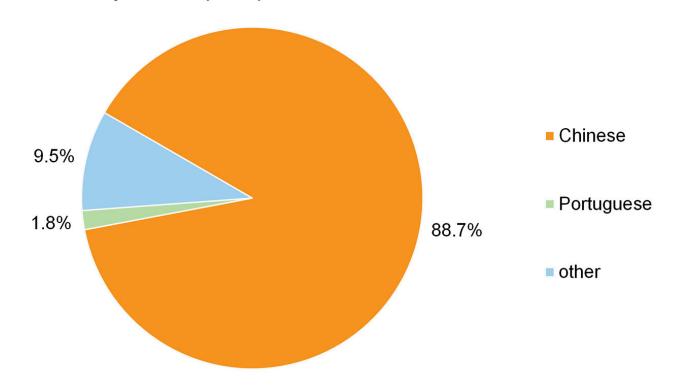
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Macau ethnic composition (2016)

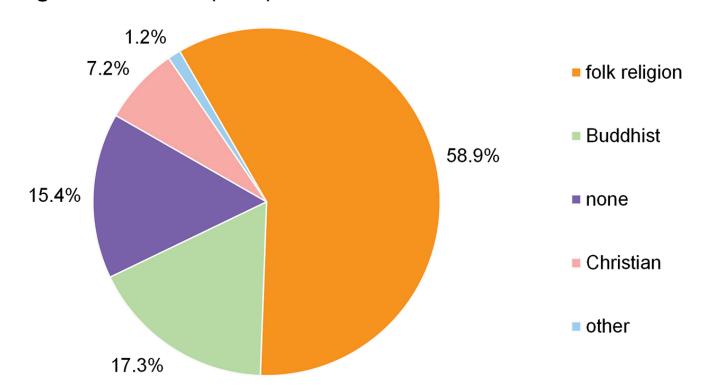


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Macau religious affiliation (2010)



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As Hong Kong rebels, why is Macau so quiet?

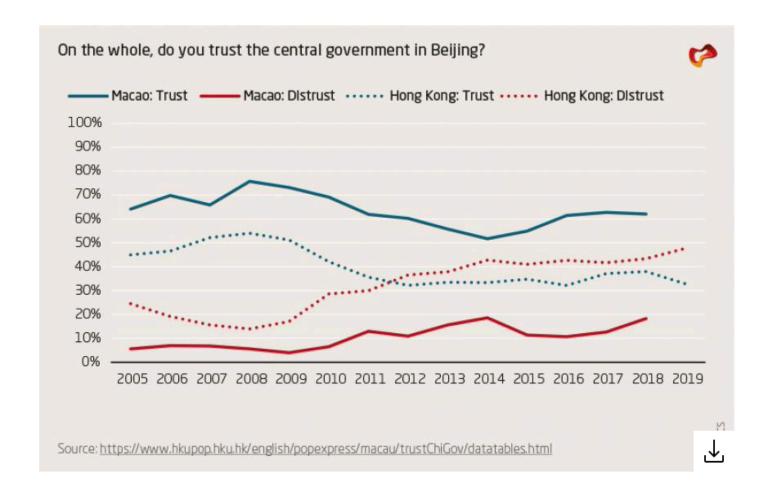
President Xi has recently been promoting Macau as the posterboy for China's "One Country, Two Systems" principle. He may be hoping that Hong Kong's citizens will heed his call, but this seems unlikely for the differences between the two Special Administrative Regions (SARs) are huge.

On a visit to Macau last month to mark the 20th anniversary of the city's return to China, President Xi Jinping used the opportunity to heap praise on the former Portuguese colony for implementing the "One Country, Two Systems" principle "fully and accurately"—in other words, for demonstrating fealty to Beijing and exhibiting strong patriotic values. Indeed, while many in Hong Kong — China's other SAR — regularly defy the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) various encroachments and call for democracy, Macau has remained remarkably silent. What's more, many in Macau are critical of the recent protests in Hong Kong. Clearly implicit in Mr Xi's address was a call to Hong Kong to learn from its neighbor.

O controlo da China sobre Macau (6) [FONTE: Merics

/ Thomas des Garets Geddes, 21/01/2021]

It seems unlikely, however, that Hongkongers will comply. Too much distinguishes the two SARs from one another: Unlike Hong Kong, pro-CCP groups have controlled and influenced Macau for over half a century. What's more, Macau's citizens not only identify more strongly with the PRC but are also more trusting of Beijing.



O controlo da China sobre Macau (7) [FONTE: Merics

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Unlike Hong Kong, Macau trusts Beijing

Not only has Beijing enabled Macau to prosper, it is also regarded by many in the city as more competent than their own local government. While the latter has been plagued by scandals from corruption to mismanagement of public works, the former has proven very responsive to Macau's needs. From kick-starting the city's gambling industry boom, to allowing extensions of its miniature land mass (33 km² compared with 1,107 km² for Hong Kong) and territorial waters, policies from Beijing have been welcomed warmly. Macau's citizens know all too well how much their success depends on the central government.

Identity also plays a key role. While Macau's citizens identify as much with the PRC as with Macau itself, local identity in the former Portuguese colony remains underdeveloped. Like Hongkongers, people in Macau speak Cantonese as their first language and still use traditional Chinese characters in writing. But unlike its neighbor, Macau has a tiny population of just 680,000 and has neither had an acclaimed cultural industry nor a unified education system to help foster a strong sense of collective identity. As a result, its citizens tend to use both Hong Kong and the mainland as cultural reference points.

O controlo da China sobre Macau (8) [FONTE: Merics

/ Thomas des Garets Geddes, 21/01/2021]

Despite four and a half centuries of Luso-rule, a mere 2 percent of the population can actually speak Portuguese and only around a quarter English (compared with over half in Hong Kong). This certainly limits people's exposure to western and perhaps more liberal influences. Although the Portuguese language is still very evident in Macau, be it on street signs or official documents, people's identification with their colonial past remains weak. People do take pride in their civil liberties but, unlike Hongkongers, are less intent on safeguarding their already wavering rule of law. More strikingly perhaps, most have no qualms about singing the PRC's national anthem and speaking Mandarin.

The emergence of a distinct local identity has also been hampered by Macau's gradual "mainlandization". In 2016, almost half (43.6%) of its citizens were born in mainland China, slightly more than those born in Macau itself (40.7%). In comparison, less than a third (29.8%) of Hong Kong's 7.3 million residents were born on the mainland. Exposure to mainland tourists is also much greater in Macau than in Hong Kong. Last year over 25 million mainlanders visited the city. As a result, the proportion of fluent Mandarin speakers in Macau has surged from 24 percent in 2006 to over 50 percent today. Since the handover, forces pushing towards greater social and economic integration with the mainland have been growing ever stronger.

O controlo da China sobre Macau (9) [FONTE: Merics

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Unlike Hong Kong, pro-Beijing groups have controlled Macau for over half a century

Last but not least, Macau's closeness and deference to Beijing can only be understood in the light of its recent colonial past. In December 1966, at the height of Mao's Cultural Revolution, a violent clash broke out between the Portuguese and pro-Communist Chinese groups. The so-called "123 Incident" marked the effective end of Portugal's rule over Macau. Soon after, the Portuguese authorities acknowledged the PRC's sovereignty over the colony and banned pro-Kuomintang groups from the region. In Hong Kong, by contrast, the British succeeded in quelling a similar uprising at around the same time, which side-lined the Communist sympathizers there for good.

From then on, groups loyal to the CCP took control of nearly all aspects of Macau's economy, politics and society. Unlike the institutions in British Hong Kong, those in Macau were weak and more vulnerable to political interference. Indeed, until 1974, Portugal was itself an authoritarian state. Subsequent Portuguese governments appeared more concerned by domestic affairs and their relations with China than pushing for extensive democratic reforms in their Chinese colony. In contrast to Hong Kong, Macau never enjoyed a strong rule of law and was never promised universal suffrage.

To this day, pro-establishment groups continue to dominate affairs in Macau. Whereas in Hong Kong the press still strives to act as a pillar of democracy, in Macau the Chinese-language media is mostly government-funded and more restrained by political pressures and <u>self-censorship</u>. To add to these constraints, Macau's very size further discourages dissonant voices from emerging. Unlike Hong Kong, social circles in Macau are relatively small and incestuous. Its citizens are therefore much more averse to confronting the establishment for fear of putting their careers and businesses at risk.

O controlo da China sobre Macau (10) [FONTE:

Hoje Macau, 19/03/2021]

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Eleições | CAEAL nega que ocultar artigos fora da campanha seja censura

Salomé Fernandes - 19 Mar 2021





A comissão eleitoral defendeu que exigir aos meios de comunicação social que ocultem artigos online sobre as eleições, fora do período de campanha, não restringe a liberdade de expressão. Candidaturas que apoiem os protestos de Hong Kong serão analisadas legalmente "caso a caso"

O controlo da China sobre Macau (11) [FONTE:

Hoje Macau, 19/03/2021]

Os meios de comunicação vão ter de retirar ou ocultar artigos online que incidam sobre candidatos à Assembleia Legislativa, na véspera e no dia das eleições. O presidente da Comissão de Assuntos Eleitorais da Assembleia Legislativa (CAEAL), o juiz Tong Hio Fong, justificou ontem a medida com a possibilidade de haver mais propaganda online do que no passado, pretendendo assim evitar que as intenções de voto sejam influenciadas.



Tong Hio Fong disse que a medida não se aplica a todos os artigos, mas apenas aos "relacionados com os actos de propaganda eleitoral". Note-se que a Lei Eleitoral define como propaganda eleitoral a actividade realizada "por qualquer meio" que dirija "a atenção do público para um ou mais candidatos" e que "sugere, de forma expressa ou implícita, que os eleitores votem ou deixem de votar nesse candidato ou candidatos".

O presidente da CAEAL rejeitou tratar-se de censura. "Não estamos a limitar ou restringir a liberdade de expressão dos amigos da comunicação social, estamos simplesmente a seguir a lei. Conforme a lei, no dia de reflexão e fora da campanha eleitoral não se deve fazer campanha".

A CAEAL alertou também que cada eleitor só pode assinar um boletim para a comissão de constituição de candidatura, frisando que "a assinatura é uma manifestação da posição política". Os boletins vão agora ser acompanhados de uma página separada a explicar a sua finalidade. "Conforme as experiências anteriores conseguimos ver que os eleitores não sabem muito bem o que assinaram", comentou o presidente da comissão, acrescentando que talvez tenham sido por causa de amigos, dizendo que ao fazer mais assinaturas pode "receber mais regalias".

O controlo da China sobre Macau (12) [FONTE:

Hoje Macau, 19/03/2021]

Piar fininho



Infracções à lei podem impossibilitar a participação nas eleições. "Conforme a lei eleitoral, todos os candidatos têm de declarar defender a Lei Básica e ser fiel à RAEM, bem como à República Popular da China. Daí, todos os candidatos que fizerem algo que está a contrariar a lei têm a possibilidade de ser desqualificados", disse Tong Hio Fong.

Questionado se apoiar os protestos de Hong Kong é considerado ilegal, o juiz indicou que as situações serão avaliadas individualmente. "Vamos analisar caso a caso, analisando o conteúdo. Vou dar um exemplo: se está a apoiar os protestos [pela independência] de Hong Kong, então está já a violar as disposições da Lei Básica, ou seja, a ordem constitucional", respondeu. O juiz esclareceu também que oferecer dinheiro em troca de apoio, constitui uma violação da lei.

Por outro lado, a CAEAL reconheceu que a pandemia pode afectar o uso de alguns locais de votação. "Estamos a contactar frequentemente os Serviços de Saúde. Se houver indícios de surto de epidemia vamos ter procedimentos especiais e ajustamentos".

O controlo da China sobre Macau (13) [FONTE:

TDM, 15/03/2021]



O controlo da China sobre Macau (14) [FONTE:

Público, 20/03/2021]

Jornalistas de Macau denunciam pressões sobre as redacções

Não são só as novas directrizes TDM, que aconselham a não difundir informação contrária às políticas da República Popular da China. Ao PÚBLICO, vários jornalistas a trabalhar na região denunciam que nos últimos meses a pressão tem aumentado.

As denúncias surgem depois da notícia da semana passada, que dava conta de que os jornalistas portugueses da Teledifusão de Macau (TDM), estação pública do território, terão sido chamados a uma reunião onde lhes foi dito que não deveriam divulgar informações ou opiniões contrárias às políticas do Governo Central chinês. A comissão executiva da estação terá inclusivamente indicado que o incumprimento destas directivas dava direito a despedimento com justa causa.

No seguimento, a administração da TDM divulgou um comunicado em que dizia não ter alterado a política editorial de informação e falava em "especulações e rumores". Ainda assim, a notícia levantou apreensão. A Associação de Imprensa em Português e Inglês de Macau (AIPIM) manifestou "enorme preocupação" face à situação e a Associação de Jornalistas de Macau, que representa jornalistas de língua chinesa, sublinhou que os repórteres não são instrumentos de propaganda. Em Portugal, o Sindicato dos Jornalistas também manifestou "enorme preocupação" e "solidariedade" para com os jornalistas em língua portuguesa e inglesa da TDM.

O controlo da China sobre Macau (15) [FONTE:

Público, 20/03/2021]

Jornalismo português censurado em Macau

Numa penada, o jornalismo transmutou-se em propaganda. Segundo a nova cartilha, os jornalistas deixam de poder sê-lo para passarem a divulgadores e promotores da propaganda política do Partido Comunista Chinês (PCC) e do subalterno governo de Macau. Esperemos que o Governo português perceba que foi ultrapassada uma linha vermelha e pare de assobiar para o lado.

A censura foi praticamente oficializada em Macau. Já era clara sobre o jornalismo em língua chinesa. Chegou a vez de calarem as vozes dissonantes em línguas portuguesa e inglesa. Esperemos que o Governo português perceba que foi ultrapassada uma linha vermelha e pare de assobiar para o lado.

O cenário foi uma sala da <u>TDM</u>, a televisão e rádio públicas de Macau. Cerca de quarenta jornalistas foram <u>convocados</u> para uma reunião, na sua maioria portugueses. Foi-lhes comunicado que a Comissão Executiva havia aprovado <u>nove regras</u> que passariam a constituir a nova <u>directriz</u> editorial da TDM.

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Ser 'patriota' por estes lados nada tem que ver com um sentimento de pertença ou identidade a um país ou uma cultura. Significa, no linguarejar local, ser um obediente e disciplinado seguidor do PCC. Uma subordinação cega, ideológica e política, ao poder e às políticas da China, com renúncia a opinião própria diversa. Não tem nada do que de nobre muitos encontram na palavra 'pátria'.

As instruções caíram como uma bomba sobre dezenas de jornalistas competentes, íntegros e corajosos, que cultivavam a lealdade a factos – não a 'pátrias' –, colocando-os perante um dilema e um drama pessoal. Longe de Portugal, muitos com filhos nas escolas, enraizados familiarmente em Macau, sem bilhete de regresso nas mãos

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