

US AGAINST THE TALIBAN: A MARXIST GRANDMA ADVISES ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN A SUPPOSED GLOBAL ERA OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

You're the cream in my coffee/ You're the salt in my stew.

You will always be, my necessity/ I'd be lost without you

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FOLLOW WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND CHINESE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS, NOT DIRECTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DRIVEN BY RICH US LAWYERS

This is a regional policy approach to women and children's rights looking forward to our next national and state elections in Australia. I write, however, aware this may also be a historic global moment for the Taliban in Afghanistan. I address this in the global context of newly seeking more productive relations with China and others in our region and beyond it. The discussions attached are hopes to assist direction. See more on this global and local project at www.Carolodonnell.com.au Like the Taliban, I suppose, I have wanted to be a student teacher, not a student prince. As a follower in Mao Zedong's general direction, I believe in 'everybody learning and/or teaching'. The person most committed to the task may do best, paid or not. Think of mothers in regional and historical terms attached.

Attached discussion addresses the more openly cooperative and competitive deployment of funds starting with the University of Sydney Sustainable investment strategy. This is advice to move forward with better regional communication to assist services in health care, education and housing to develop better on any land. It also addresses advice and concerns expressed by Chinese President Xi Jinping to advance Chinese and other national SoftPower, which is marketing or propaganda. These may be educational or entertainment products with a convincing purpose. Australian campaigns to get people to choose to be vaccinated against Covid have been very broadly educational, for example.

Marxists may or may not believe in God and I don't really. However, The Preamble of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** favours the view that rights are 'inalienable' (Given by God), rather than forged in human struggles. This shows a preference for Western lawyers leading, which is one reason Marxists may follow World Health Organization (WHO) global and regional direction instead, as I do too at www.Carolodonnell.com.au This regional safety and health statistical and Census planning approach led developments in Australian state departments of industrial relations and work-related rehabilitation and insurance in the 1980s. They got trashed by normal financial forces led by multitudes of lawyers operating with IT and other contractors in the comparative and feudally related dark. If you doubt, check it out with Stephen Duckett at the Grattan Institute, for example.

Many women may spring from Jewish, Christian and Islamic sources - as historic creatures of The Book or associated books in later and wealthier cases. The new Taliban government in Afghanistan claims to want to continue an Islamic tradition shared with women. This starts with children. Prosperous good health and global order depend on people aiming for no

more than two children for their immediate family. Post War Chinese government led this clearly with 'barefoot' doctors and teachers. They went to peasant households which have now liberated many women and their children into healthier housing and paid work through good state education. Australian government policy has recognised this general need for birth control for family prosperity to occur, since its national and state industrial relations systems were established in 1901. This accompanied agreements over pay standards and arbitration of disputes. These then got lost to lawyers in the normal Western insurance and other professional associations. This method of association is an expensive and often stupid waste of time and money, as it fuels and magnifies financial heights and crashes blindly and unfairly. The poorest are often those who cannot recover from periodic loss. In the hallowed beliefs of neoclassical economists, perfect competition can only occur with perfect information. Western lawyers maintain cultures of cover-up for the rich and for the corrupt. Without reducing all family sizes, however, little will move forward from business as usual.

This women and children's health focus is ideally accompanied by childhood vaccinations to eliminate or reduce the worst infectious diseases. Women who have ever been presented with the unjudged choices, have hugely reduced their reproduction rates and now live longer and healthier lives with fewer children. Australians, however, appear unlikely ever to 'close the gap' between rural or remote aboriginal and urban populations, without comparative family size reduction. Facing desertification and degradation appear the increasingly likely lot of many on the land and in cities. One sees this historically in Afghanistan and large parts of Africa and South America, for example. We may all be guilty of past misdeeds as charged but must now analyse situations and suggest solutions to globally shared problems. The expensively dominant approach is to ramble on in eternally blinkered, judgmental patterns of top lawyers disputing under God, a state Constitution, and a sovereign people (whether anyone thinks they know what that means or not).

Try reading and writing with common dictionaries; with Wikipedia and good Google and email information; with clearly grounded broadcasters and with broadly reliable communications, like Microsoft Office instead. Avoid US head office driving IT and content is my advice as they don't work for us. As a teacher and mother, it's my experience girls prefer words, writing and stories to mathematics. In theoretical and real life, however, lawyers took over the lot, including mathematics at the centre of all economic and social considerations. They treat it accordingly, hiding what they do from judgment other than that closed by professional peers. Not that I have ever observed the workings of science, technology and engineering except from comparatively far and high up. (Joke, Joyce.)

Men in associations are often their own worst enemies, starting with the US Constitution, for example. It holds the secret protection of the armed man and his trade above all the rest. Then men use arms against themselves, through increasing violence to women and kids and each other, while the lying brothers call it defence. They also deify the presumption of innocence through preserving the right to shut down speech and knowledge according to their feudal rules. They protect their own associations first or act to help out brothers. I think gun amnesty should occur in Afghanistan first, with reward to those who turn their guns in to religious, army or other authority. Former PM John Howard rightly tied this step in human protection to policing, health care and insurance in Australia.

The legal and court process in Australia, however, increasingly trumps many more broadly sensible forms of inquiry and evaluation based on the person on the ground being seen as more than a police problem or diagnosis. The diagnosis has been made more accessible to all since the Internet came in 1989. There is reasonable Australian government website access available to any enquiry through Microsoft Office and Google, for example. Lawyers, unlike health workers, however, are largely designed to be a force, rather than a service. Prescriptive, unknown, incomprehensible law without clear aims drives people towards lawyers and court for answers and support for problems. However, lawyers' ways of operating in court are feudal, rather than open to more broadly learned and common conceptions of evidence and ethics to be found on any regional grounds and operations.

Through its historical associations, law has served the Crown rather than scientific or popular broad endeavour in trying to bring about the expected order. The Australian lawyer's position in serving the client or court is wrong and expensive from more broadly scientific and democratic views of evidence and related data gathering on any matter. These are the technological forces that have run the joint well against the odds. The Chinese view that the military should '*Serve the People*', seems a clear mission, whatever its success or failure on particular grounds. Western '*justice*', however, can only be found in court. This is a backward feudal system which dominates parliamentary law-making and implementation. This is a drag on attempts to banish ignorance in the interests of all.

The world contains diverse views, whether they are obtained through their religious, family, political or peer belief, or not. I have heard the soul equated with consciousness, which is fine with me, although I don't refer to it myself. (I lean towards a Buddhist outlook.) As a Marxist I believe the mind is the product of learned association, but the brain is an organ. Lawyers are a hindrance to all who deal in the human mind or body; who seek to use their common, expert or particular knowledge to identify concerns or meet problems openly together. This is partly as lawyers seek to advance their causes secretly, regardless of cost. They think they have the right and duty to speak for others about their own rubbish rules.

Being a teacher, who has often seen how a few may disrupt many others, it enrages me that female aboriginal lawyers never say what they think should be done with difficult kids in a group, for example. Do children know themselves and can they speak up? Are they asked? It seems as if lawyers don't have the wit to progress beyond adversarial secrets and silences to any shared intelligent sense outside court. They operate with words before the advent of the common dictionary, where meaning and judgment are only shared by lawyers in court.

The Sydney Morning Herald article, ***Rape complaint left staffer in cold***, recounts the story of a lawyer with the NSW police force who claimed a detective assaulted her (SMH 23.8.21, p. 1). She complained to her superiors and was disappointed by the results so took up related matters under other legal jurisdictions. The force was unable to comment as the latest case was *subjudice*, (in court consideration?). They said, however, that they would strenuously defend allegations against themselves. Legal sources claimed the difficulty lies in balancing the rights of complainants against those they have accused. This common attitude leaves out the surrounding community, which deserves the protection of real justice and doesn't get it. Better place-based treatment of perceived social problems lies in broader and closer community consultations and historical understanding, not court processes. The court often

equates ignorance with objectivity. Its communication methods are poor as it has never been constructed as a service to anyone but the Crown keeping its own mates rule up.

State administrative forces led by Wilenski, Duckett, Hilmer, and many others favoured more broadly open research and development approaches apparently more favourable for the health and wealth of all Australians, including women. These are also the general state approaches of key UK, European and North American sociologists, philosophers and administrators following Weber and Popper, for example, or following global political economists like JK Galbraith and Joseph Stiglitz. These administrative approaches are more openly centred on educating populations on conducting themselves, including us all. *That superficially appears to be the most globally vital concern in handling the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 and 2021, for example.* It may begin better investment directions more broadly or rocket fuel the problems of growth as usual through new normal cyclical operations. These financial problems may begin with depression, war and other natural destruction, desertification, water scarcity, pollution and poor waste handling, for example. Let us not forget global pandemics.

The elimination or reduction of infectious diseases and major disaster injuries appear to be vital risk management goals in any new world orders led by epidemiological and related community views. Those of the military industrial and financial complexes have typically driven in different directions in secret, led by the United States. In regard to Afghanistan, one wonders as usual, what they did in US training and what happens to the guns or other weapons or vehicles and any babies or women they left behind. Like the Eye in the sky, the media exists for us all to help our direction or to confuse us for commercial, state or related marketing or propaganda reasons. Australian electoral directions should now be focused on women candidates, not men as usual. This appears a memorable and useful opportunity for more broadly cooperative change. This is addressed again in Australia later and attached.

The Taliban reflect a common global history of learning in which manufacturing has normally been led by men who wanted to buy guns before drugs, legal or not. **Attaturk, the Biography of the Founder of Modern Turkey**, by Andrew Mango (1999) provides a picture of the normal state progression of many men in war related manufacturing cultures, starting in elite military or other colleges, for example. Many elite colleges, as in Oxford and Cambridge or elsewhere, evolved from medieval times, as they garnered broader global elite and state support. As a modern grandma I naturally prefer the broadly evolved evidence bases which struggle to exist in any comparatively wealthy and inclusive welfare state. Production, reproduction, construction and care may then be seen as total community service, rather than service to oneself and one's associations, paid or not. Babies must get a free lunch and board for a start in any culture. Knowledge is ideally constructed in related plain language contexts of regional and other place based social interaction, not in multiplying closed and unequal communities of financial or other professional knowledge, working in closed associations of interest and operation.

For a women and children's policy today, however, the first principle of the **UN Rio Declaration on Environment** may be best guidance for regional and community approaches to education, job action and investment now and in future. It states: *Humans are at the centre of concern for sustainable development and entitled to a healthy and productive life*

in harmony with nature. In 1990 the World Commission on Environment and Development defined sustainable development as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Good treatment of land, air, water and the protection of biodiversity are central goals to be considered in global and regional contexts which our offspring must inherit after our death.

Australian free-to-air broadcasting is championed in this context, for example, led by ABC and SBS, the national multicultural broadcaster. When Kabul fell the first question to the Taliban came from Al Jazeera. Farming and parks and gardens seem a proper start. Australian TV programs like **The Land** and **Gardening Australia** are the kind of vital population interest teaching resources which could easily and cheaply lead global banks, for example. The Biodiversity Offset Scheme is one of the new Australian state measures used as part of land management reforms. These supposedly will allow economic development activity while recognising its impact on the natural environment. Only broadly cooperative and open regional effort with commercial, state and voluntary research associations such as Bush Heritage can help it.

However, I have long admired comparative Chinese progress and ethical views. In 2013, according to the book of his speeches, **Xi Jinping, The Governance of China**, President Xi called upon readers to follow the **Spirit of Mao Zedong Thought**. He also addressed the importance of **Soft Power**, as discussed attached. As a Marxist grandma I believe women and kids can only benefit from more reading, writing and pictures of the outside world and their own lots. Speaking as an old rich woman who had one child and one grandchild, I have always done so, well assisted by government. I am from a dying white race but sometimes I wonder why we should fuel the destructive rat-race of periodic elections in the Western style, if doing so crushes the comparatively weak and poor in regular instability and disruption, easily leading to further corruption and poor choice. Many may favour working mainly with higher and more open associations for broader learning and decision making, as I do. Such matters could easily make a comparatively harmless topic of voting and debate.

In Sydney Soft Power, Lord Mayor Clover Moore and her team highlighted in a recent email to constituents that a 9km harbour foreshore walk is to be created, highlighting Aboriginal history and culture. The City of Sydney Council endorsed its name as *Yananurala*. This combines two Gadigal words 'yana' and 'nura' which strongly encourage people to go walking on Country. The *Hungry Mile*, where men hoping to gain work on the docks lined up in competition for work each day, is along the route. I wrote to former NSW Premier, Bob Carr and others, that guns collected in Australia could be melted down and shipped to Sydney for a giant statue of Mao Zedong, in memory of the US Statue of Liberty, a gift from France. Perhaps they thought it Soft Power gone mad as I was totally ignored as usual. No worries. As an old and comparatively rich woman I live to be offended and call for parks, gardens and clean water above all else. The natural world appears ever more threatened by normal development which creates more deserts and piles of manufactured and other untreated waste at ever accelerating rates. We may analyse this in many ways to clean up global messes we have never had the technology, wealth and freedom to consider like this before. Global or regional development opportunity depends on opening more cooperative administration. Don't close it off in competitive intensification of comparatively mindless IT.

The market view, including voting, encourages endless product consumption and reproduction while calling it the expression of love or caring for the more unfortunate in many cases. A favourite US philosopher, Peter Singer, for example, recommends giving one's wealth away to others less fortunate in his book entitled **The Life You Can Save: How to do your part to end world poverty**. His first philosophical premise is that all lives are of equal value. History and his book have now shown this case to be the comparatively hopeless view of those who have probably given up faith in their capitalist economy and government to serve their people well and equally. If this is so, be clear this is the case, because development of better direction depends on it. While technological and scientific progress have produced undreamed of wealth for many more, regional inequality has also increased more rapidly in the last thirty years, as well as during the global pandemic of the last two years. This seems, however, to be a new world order where the unknown nature of production risk means only the richest production controllers or gamblers may risk more to reap higher reward. The Gates Foundation and charitable trusts are addressed attached.

The Post-War Chinese Communist Party government has been concerned that the pursuit of human rights, as carried on in Western legislation and courts, assists the wealthiest and best-connected family interests best. This is the common feudal to democratic state transitional struggle in which Australians have also been engaged. It has happened through their politicians and in related law and associations since federation of states in 1901. Those who believe in God may follow moral authorities they consider higher, while others, often led by '**women's problems**', may consider that these brotherhood notions are self-serving blinkered lies about reality. When former PM Julia Gillard, for example, said in parliament '*I will not be lectured on sexism and misogyny by this man*', she was pointing at former PM, Tony Abbott. Being a lawyer, she didn't follow this up with any explanation for a younger group who didn't even know they were students at university together and had argued over politics ever since.

As I wrote to Professor Hewson in the attached discussion, a Trade Related Property Rights agreement is currently addressed by the World Trade Organization and the new director of this organisation is Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. In 2020, former Australian PM, Julia Gillard, collaborated with Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, a former Nigerian finance minister and director of World Bank operations, to write the book **Women and Leadership, Real Lives, Real Lessons**. The lead authors shared space with eight other political and financial leaders, including Hillary Clinton, Christine Lagarde, Theresa May and Jacinda Ardern. The book is disappointing, however, in arguing for women's participation in men's affairs without challenging or giving any guidance on their reformation. Gillard shares the usual lawyers' careerist operational limitations, so I was furious when the Labor Party suddenly threw out PM Kevin Rudd when his actions, particularly in education, the media and health care seemed excellent to me. The fact that Rudd was also the popularly elected PM didn't seem to worry ALP lawyers.

In summation, and as the Chinese government predicted long ago, when referring to human rights as '*bourgeois rights*', their pursuit appears insufficient to correct social inequality, which is its central goal. Their pursuit often increased social inequality instead as a result of the strength of normal top family alliances in shaping market and government forces in their own interests. Try WHO direction instead. Globally sustainable investment directions are

addressed in attached files calling for broader university and industry ties with state wealth, health and education management. Management of Australian archives are also addressed.

In an illuminating article in the AFR entitled **What China really fears about its big tech companies** Adrian Blundell-Wignall, former director of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) agrees with Nobel Prize winning economist, James Tobin, who stated *'I suspect the immense power of the computer is being harnessed....not to do the same transactions more economically, but to balloon the quantity and variety of financial exchanges.*(AFR 19.8.21, p. 39) Blundell-Wignall suspects such a thought is at the heart of President Xi-Jinping's current government crackdown on parts of the tech economy and what those companies do abroad. There appears to be concern in China about gaming and the potentially unfair and stressful effects of competitive private coaching for global elite private schools and universities. This may interfere with the development of more broadly and usefully meritocratic and state-based education delivered locally. Many Australians share such concerns about directions under common US cultural and IT domination, as I do too.

In my books, women and children have a right to choose their own education, work and reproductive relations, in partnership with those who fund their choices. As an old woman who benefited throughout life from the help of many men as well as women, I naturally support courage, determination and the idea of martyrdom for a higher cause than oneself. It may come with personal risk or choice of disability or death. Soldiers and sports people around the world take this liberty and are applauded for it by multitudes, for example. As a woman I preferred song, dance, reading and movies or bushwalking to the sporting spirit. However, the recognition that we are all going to die should be faced more openly in more cooperative spirits as women do the bulk of caring work in the case of babies, the disabled and frail elderly, in paid work or not. We must face death to avoid our control by other professional drivers.

The human and financial care of the old and rich may now drive competing professional interests in state expenditure well or unfairly, as I claim it does in my particular case. At 74 I am old enough to decide when I want to die. I have a right to die to avoid future fear, pain and cost to myself and others, and the state should help me do so. As a woman who joined the fight against an earlier feudal state so that Australian women could get more and better education, paid work and cheap, safe, contraception and abortion, it enrages me that male dominated governments and associations still treat my body like their property and not mine. The duty of care cannot erase the right to death when people like us demand it.

At a medico-legal conference in Sydney, for example, I met a midwife and teacher from Iran who had delivered or presided over delivery of thousands of babies. She said she thinks and teaches that a woman's relationship with her Maker is sacred and her true confidences can only be shared with her all-seeing God, alone in prayer. She may take the advice of her husband or priest or children or not. The relationship with the Eye in the sky is hers alone and she is responsible for its nature. As a Marxist grandma I find this is good for cooperative action. However, I guess we are on the losing side and our voices are ignored or lost in

those of the normally accelerating US IT and related big male winners. The Financial Review for example, recently wrote about Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, the company which unveiled the iPhone in 2008. Asked if competition can ever be bad, Cook said he couldn't think of a case where it was and he thinks it is always and inherently good (FR, August 2021). Australian producers have taken more co-operative approaches to work with a state which now appears held financially aloft by Western Australian mining relationships with China. This is clearly a time for more broadly guiding thought and election contests can help it happen.

Australian electoral relations should now start with women and family planning, however, because that and childhood vaccinations are the first WHO recommendations, taking epidemiological or common-sense approaches to development, like China tried. This is a life development approach in which death, rather than everlasting life, is accepted as the shared reality of us all as individuals. We bear responsibility for how we die. I may want state help to die. I positively recall the popular Redgum song 'If you don't fight you lose' about the bushranger Ned Kelly, and others for example. I recall Fleet Lord, 'Jacky' Fisher (1841-1920) who said, according to **Fisher's Face**, by Jan Morris: *'Sworn to no party; of no sect am I; I can't be silent and I will not lie'*. We teachers are like that, wanting safer action.

Andrew Forrest is the second richest person in Australia according to key accounts. Like Gina Rhinehart, he made his fortune in West Australian mining and agribusiness first. Forrest's newest interest is in farming which is free of animal fear and pain. Extend this right to humans. A woman's free choice over contraception and abortion are ideally accompanied by a right to choose death and be supported by government. This choice may be to stop a further burden of fear or pain to oneself and others in old age, for example. The alternative is living under increasingly irrational and unequal professional regimes in which people are kept alive as long as possible in medical or financial experiments undertaken against their will, while calling it caring for us. Peter Singer appears dangerously wrong in thinking all global lives are of equal value because this appears to increase global inequality through increasing government spending directed to the causes of the rich and old as usual. Many people and states may be closer to the Chinese moral road than to the US one.

Former US President, Theodore Roosevelt, after whom the 'teddy bear' was named, said: *'Courage is not having the strength to go on, it is going on when you don't have the strength'*. This sounds to me like a death wish and a foolish recipe for disaster. The spirit of Ernest Hemingway and similar brotherhoods are equally dead to us. It's time to hand over the central election focus of political party contest to women in my opinion. Specifically, I suggest Michaelia Cash and Tanya Plibersek should respectively challenge the male leadership of current Liberal Coalition PM, Scott Morrison, and his opposing Labor aspirant, Anthony Albanese. Party men in Sydney and Melbourne, for example, appear incapable of rising above or beyond their roots in old fashioned speech and secret action. A contest between women leaders has never happened before. It could be more instructive about human rights directions for all of us, just as the global corona virus pandemic has focused public attention on health care, not warfare conducted in secret first or not.

Western Australian mining and related state forces should have major national clout for working with China in any global climate change context, including in oceans, forests and desert planting and construction operations which are also expected to serve in the

future. Michaelia Cash has a history of working with Doug Cameron and other left wing metal unions and Labor trade union and political power brokers, for example. She often speaks and writes superficially apparent clear sense. Would she stand up to the usual boys in the broader public interest in climate change and sustainable development directions, in land and water management and in related communications to benefit current and future generations more broadly and fairly in future? She might. Open more honest debate up.

I wonder if many would prefer Tanya Plibersek as ALP leader instead of Anthony Albanese, as I would too. I don't think people like Albanese much more than they liked Bill Shorten because the former will be seen as the creature of the inner city in Sydney just like Shorten was seen as the creature of inner Melbourne and related industrial forces. They replaced former PM Kevin Rudd with Julia Gillard and personally I never got over it. I am a strong feminist so if I was given the total shits by this sudden change from the public choice by the normal guys in charge, then apparently, I was not the only one. This is an open appeal to broader common sense expressed in globally new world orders instead. I hope the Taliban and other Islamists will see the global position from which I come in this Covid opportunity.

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