



It's shaping up to be a terrible morning and I may have to re-assess everything. But it comes down to these two articles. The first from the right wing of the Presidents administration, 71 year, stuck in the 80's, protectionism wing of the White House, Robert Lighthizer. As I told Mimi yesterday, there is no point in the White House employing all 5 of it's economic team other than mis-direction. Lighthizer, Navarro and Ross all think they can defeat China via protectionist measures and yesterday the President asked Wilbur Ross to remain. Bad omen unless it's mis-direction, the art of the deal for the G20.

Here's the FT article from this morning driving the market lower, it's says Lighthizer is comitted to a 3 year battle with China. No way. The President at this rate, will not have 3 more years in office. Period. If this market crashes, it's over.

<https://www.ft.com/content/0cf1948c-ebba-11e8-89c8-d36339d835c0>

On the other side of the coin is the Chinese EV Car company NIO and if you will click the various YouTube links within, you will see that China is a nation as the US was in the 1950's. It is a progressive nation of young families, with growing wealth and great technological skills. If Peter Navarro, Rober Lighthizer and Willbur Ross (nearly 100 years old) think that they can beat back China with "protectionist" policy, they are insane as China needs the US less than the US needs China. China, through the one road project, is just beginning to wrangle the EU and Asia against the US. We do not need protectionism. We need to out compete China. We need to build 32 mile bridges across the sea, build leading edge electric vehicles and build a more educated middle class. If this nation follows Trump and Navarro and Lighthizer and Ross (all Septo Generarians and more) down this rat hole called protectionism, we will all pay the price, until they are removed from office in 2020.

One can only hope, that this is a good cop bad cop gambit and part of the art of the deal. Otherwise, it's just stupid!

Here's the NIO compilation from Andrew Left which many of you have seen before. The China depicted in this video, is not the least bit affected by US protectionist policy.

<https://citronresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NIO-short-is-a-Tesla-D%C3%A9j%C3%A0-vu-Path-to-12-Should-Have-Little-Resistance.pdf>

Sorry to say but it all comes down to this. I sincerely believe that there is no way to "protect" yourself from China. It's like everything else. You need to out compete China, not rage against their success.