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Crouching Capitalist Hidden Agenda

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Recently, my uncle received some toothpaste from an overseas company. Turns out the toothpaste was bad. Not just, “not minty”, but tainted where it made him sick and doubled over vomiting uncontrollably. My uncle then ordered some toys and a bib for his kids. Turns out the toys and bib contained lead that was unsafe for the kids. My uncle then ordered some fish from this company. Turns out the fish was laced with antibiotics. Is my uncle an idiot?!?! Who in their right mind would continue to do business with a company with this type of track record?!? Turns out, he's not only my uncle but your uncle as well. Uncle Sam. The “overseas company” is China.

The “Made-in-China” label may now be a warning label to all potential consumers. It should read, *“Warning!!! These products are made with the cheapest materials that you can imagine or maybe you can't. Safety codes are an interesting idea, but we have to put out the cheapest product possible, with the highest profit margin possible. Don't judge us too harshly, your greedy uncle keeps coming back again and again because of the money he makes off of our products.”*

We need to make sure the proper safety standards are met with the goods we import. If China has to dip into profits to make sure quality control is fully in effect, then we should encourage this...vigorously!!! Perhaps with boycotts if necessary or maybe slow down on our purchase of their goods until safety standards are consistently met. We also, need to make sure that we as a nation do not promote product faultiness with a hyper-capitalist-Gordon Gekko attitude. Many people may think to see a brand new Mercedes S-class is remarkable, but all people think to *simply see* because they weren't blinded because they ate a tainted cough drop is not only remarkable, but expected.

As the great nation that we are we need to step up and take the more difficult and righteous path. The one that leads to a safer world for everybody. Luke 9:25 says it best, *“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?”* If this continues, I don't think I'll be inviting Uncle Sam over for Christmas dinner. Especially if he is bringing ham he got from that “overseas company.”

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