

U.S. Must Put A Ban On Google Helping China Develop A Global Digital Dictatorship



Technocrats at Google love Technocrats in China much more than they love America or its Citizens. It's time to force Google to break with China on oppressing its citizens via Scientific Dictatorship, aka Technocracy. □
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General Joseph Dunford, America's top military officer, has announced he will be meeting with Google representatives this week to talk about the company's assistance to China's People's Liberation Army.

Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, first stoked the controversy over Google on March 14 during his appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The work that Google is doing in China is indirectly benefiting the Chinese military," he said.

"We watch with great concern when industry partners work in China knowing that there is that indirect benefit," he added later. "Frankly, 'indirect' maybe not be a full characterization of the way it really is. It's more of a direct benefit to the Chinese military."

Google issued a firm denial in response to Dunford's comments. "We are not working with the Chinese military," a spokesperson said. "We are working with the U.S. government, including the Department of Defense, in many areas including cybersecurity, recruiting and healthcare."

But Dunford is correct. The denial, even if technically accurate, is nonetheless misleading. Google maintains arrangements that it either knows or should know directly benefit the Chinese military.

For instance, in December 2017 the company announced the formation of the Google AI China Center in Beijing.

Due to Chinese ruler Xi Jinping's announced policy of "civil-military fusion," there is no longer any meaningful distinction between civil and military research, especially in areas like AI that Xi has determined China must dominate. As Bob Work, once U.S. deputy defense secretary, said of the new facility in the Chinese capital, "Anything that's going on in that center is going to be used by the military."

Similarly, acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan sounded the alarm at that Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on March 14. "The fusion of commercial business with military is significant," he said. "The technology that is developed in the civil world transfers to the military world. It's a direct pipeline. Not only is there a transfer, there's also systematic theft of U.S. technology that facilitates even faster development of emerging technology."

Dunford, in comments last Thursday, pointed to the requirement of having Communist Party cells in companies. The cells, he said, will lead to the transfer of intellectual property to the Chinese military.

The Daily Beast asked Google if its AI China Center hosts a Communist Party cell but has not received a reply.

Google's AI center in Beijing is not the only project of concern. "Google is partnering with several state entities for various projects to expedite their research," Bandon Weichert, a national security analyst specializing in emerging technology, told The Daily Beast.

The company is already participating in AI research at Tsinghua University, one of China's two premier institutions, and is cooperating with Peking University, the other top institution, and the University of Science and Technology of China.

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