

s102.8(4)c of the Criminal Code Act 1995 undermines our national security framework by negating support for terrorism as an offence if it is, "...for the purpose of providing aid of a humanitarian nature." The exact nature of the "humanitarian aid," isn't specified so it could be in the form of propaganda, financing, ordinance, supplies or support of any nature. So much of, "human rights," right now is coalition countries arguing to bomb cities full of children because the children are suffering and bombs or starvation are the cure.

Every single UNSC meeting is the US representative reading some made up story about a single child in Syria, other countries reply by saying that the US caused the crisis. Then the US and their allies just repeat the same story verbatim and blame the victim. What is the plan here? Threaten China to let us overthrow their government or else we won't sell them any wheat or iron ore? They're already shifting their trade to Brazil for that. We have no bargaining chips. It's like Scott Morrison doesn't realize our place in the world. He says Pacific islanders can pick our fruit. Well, it's Australia's job to pick wheat for China. We used to dig iron ore but they've moved a lot of that to Brazil. What can we really do? go bankrupt? Oh what a wonderful international relations strategy! Show them our empty pockets that'll sure show the PRC who's boss.

Sanctions don't work.

The USA can impose unilateral sanctions but it's because they have a defence industry population larger than the entire population of Australia. Any country that we could threaten would be so small and so utterly insignificant that I believe the Chinese Foreign Minister used these words to describe a recent agreement with an island nation, "For China, a stadium is cheap." When Modi talks about Australia, he describes us like a cognitively impaired child and that the international community should be patient with us. In Chinese movies like "The Wandering Earth," we're portrayed like a whiney little annoying weed. It's like, to the rest of the world we're just bizzaro kangaroo, Crocodile Dundee, Steve Irwin, lizards everywhere, upside down, dunny flushes the wrong way world.

The best strategy for Australia is to keep our heads down and stay out of conflict, respect international law and our agreements, as a founding member of the United Nations instead of trying to start trouble all the time. I don't know how I can explain diplomacy other than just being pleasant to work with.

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