



## **Claws of the Panda: Beijing's Campaign of Influence and Intimidation in Canada** **Expanded and Updated** **by Jonathan Manthorpe**

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The Expanded and Updated edition of *Claws of the Panda* arrives at a crucial point as Canada's delusions about its friendly relations with the CCP have fallen apart since the book's initial publication. This edition sets out to uncover Ottawa's relationship with Beijing in light of the CCP regime's increasingly suspicious and belligerent relations with the US and Europe. The age of a distinctly Canadian bilateral relationship with Beijing is over.

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