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IF YOU LIE DOWN WITH DOGS, YOU GET UP WITH ...

*FLEAS. Sometimes the costs of doing business are well, costly.*

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Many large U.S. corporations have struck up business deals in Communist China. Not surprisingly, the Chinese Communist Party, which controls the Chinese Government, insists on a few things from these businesses in exchange for access to the lucrative Chinese market.

From Apple the Chinese Government reportedly wanted an app deleted that helped protestors in Hong Kong protest against rule by Chinese Communists. Apple deleted the app.

From the National Basketball Association the Chinese Government wanted a message deleted from Twitter, for starters. For starters, the NBA deleted the offending tweet, which called for freedom in Hong Kong essentially. Later reports are murky about how far the NBA is going to pacify the Chinese about this.

These are just a few of their favorite things, as the song goes. The broad outlines of the whole story are outlined in *After China Objects, Apple Removes App Hong Kong Protestors Use to Track Police*, by Jack Nicas, NEW YORK TIMES, Friday, October 11, 2019, p. B1 ([online here](#); the New York Times often charges for online access).

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