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Mimi Chau: I would like to ask you the following questions for a story regarding the latest poll indicating the Labor party is losing popularity among the voters.

Question 1: What do you think about the latest poll and the reasons for the sliding popularity of the Labor Party and Kevin Rudd?

Answer: There has been, rightly or wrongly, a relentless campaign by very rich conservative forces in Australia (similar to that in the USA) to undermine the character and credibility of PM Rudd (President Obama). It is almost as if Ideology and Party Politics have gone global re Liberal/Republicans against Labor/Democrats. The commonality is Rupert Murdoch and News Corporation, operating in all media channels in both countries and across the world, and the message is that the CPC was totally correct in never letting him into China - his definition of "freedom and democracy" is free rain for corporations and no regulation whatsoever - just imagine if that attitude was common in the PRC. When the Minerals Council of Australia, representing billionaire foreign owners in the UK/USA, can overnight raise a media budget of over AU\$100 million to sabotage the Tax Policy of an overwhelmingly elected Federal Government, a government elected by the poorest sections of the Australian people, then there is NO DEMOCRACY LEFT IN AUSTRALIA - these people would destroy China if they could. There is a good possibility that Rudd could lose the Election later this year.

Question 2: Who do you prefer to be the next Prime Minister? Kevin Rudd or Tony Abbott? For what reasons?

Answer: Rudd has many personality faults as he comes from a broken family and has had to fight very hard via his intellectual talent to achieve his present station in life - he understands the concept of struggle and he has tried to remain true to his beliefs and his view of Australia as an independent country playing a constructive role in global affairs. That does not mean I agree with all his policies or that of the ALP - I do not agree with all the policies of the CPC or PRC. However, generally speaking, Rudd is the future as is Obama and as has been the CPC. On the other hand Abbott is the past, someone who is inwardly hollow, and a giant hypocrisy personified, bought by the corporate 20 pieces of silver and hiding behind his poison-of-religion - I am very supportive of the value of faith whether religious or political or otherwise, but a mental control process that destines people to effective servitude (even though they may have a great deal of material things). It is the same reason I have always supported the CPC as the only institution in China, apart from the PLA, that can govern a United China - I just worry that there has been some "hardening of the arteries" in China policy areas.

Question 3: What are the major issues that would influence your vote preference?

Answer: For me as an internationalist who believes in Free Trade and Global Institutions such as the WTO and G20. I support policies that deal with global problems, one of which is the growing role of the CPC internationally and their current failure to understand the ramifications of what they are doing - partly because of the GFC causing many of the older more experienced East Coast Chinese to lose relative power/influence to the less educated and globally savvy Central/Western CPC leaders. The 2012/13 leadership change, the first genuine political election in recorded Chinese history, will be a big test for the PRC with global ramifications. Rudd at least has some understanding/background; ABBOTT has nothing but his 2000 year-old fundamentalist Christian religion. With Rudd and Obama and Hu there is a chance of a peaceful if not harmonious world, with Abbott there is NO chance but rather a certainty of confrontation and possibly war. For example how can you lecture Moslem countries about their fundamentalism when the Israel Parliament basically makes non-Jews second class citizens or putting it bluntly introduces a form of apartheid? That is what the rising power of China will have to deal with - Rudd though critical of China is an ally, Abbott and his fundamentalist brethren in the USA is a great danger to the world.

As you can realise, having travelled widely throughout China, USA, EU and Australasia, I could live in any of these countries but I love my homeland and I do not like seeing it destroyed. Just think that the company/people leading the attack on Rudd - Rio Tinto - are the same who sent their Chinese staff to break so many laws of China and are now in prison, the entire Board/ Executive of Rio Tinto should be in a Chinese prison. Similarly this Abbott leadership team are the same people who allowed AWB to break all the UN sanctions on Iraq for hundreds of millions of dollars, they were Ministers in Howard's Federal Australian Government and brought immense SHAME on Australia worldwide - just imagine if that CORRUPTION had happened in China, they would have been shot as have quite a number of Provincial leaders for lesser crimes.

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