

Two Strikes and You're Out, MLB

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Major League Baseball has renewed its contract with a Chinese telecommunications company with ties to the Chinese Communist Party.

Professional baseball thus avoids the fate of the National Basketball Association, ejected from Chinese airwaves for a year after Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey voiced support for pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

This doesn't mean that the folks running MLB lack a moral compass.

It could be just a skewed one.

One day after Chinese state media confirmed that American baseball games would continue to

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be shown on Tencent's streaming platform, MLB yanked its All-Star game from Atlanta, Georgia. The idea? To protest the state's new election reform.

Baseball Commissioner Robert Manfred would have us believe that demonstrating "our values as a sport" requires



1. cutting deals with the tyrannical and murderous government of China while simultaneously
2. noisily punishing Georgia because friends of slack voting rules dislike the voter ID requirements and other provisions of Georgia's new election law designed to limit the potential for fraud.

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All restrictions?

MLB officials ignored the *Epoch Times's* inquiry about "how continuing business with China demonstrates its values considering the recent U.S. recognition of a genocide being carried out by the CCP against the Uyghur Muslims."

Hmm. Chinazi dictatorship or Georgia election reform: Which is worse?

I guess for those with a skewed moral compass, that's a tough one.

But for the rest of us the question answers itself.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.