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### **On Huawei Attitudes**

A comment an hour before the judge's decision on Meng Wanzhou is released: Her celebratory photo, taken over the weekend, revealed that she is either totally unconscious of the Canadian reality or believes unthinkingly the Beijing government position that independent legal systems do not exist.

Why? For the simple reason that Beijing does not have an independent legal system. It merely carries out the political wishes of the government.

1. She's shown contempt for the legal professionalism and respect with which she's been treated, as is normal in a real legal system.
2. She has chosen to ignore the kidnapping of two Canadians - Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor - and their imprisonment in deeply humiliating conditions which may damage their health forever.

If the judge finds the case to be clear, then the decision will be what it will be in spite of her rudeness and lack of respect. If the case was very close in the judge's consideration and could've gone either way, Ms. Meng may have pushed the judge to change their mind at the last minute because her actions showed that she was not respectful of the law or acting within the law. If the closeness of the case is in any way dependent on the judge giving her the benefit of the doubt she will have undermined her own position by the rudeness and stupidity of her action.

Finally, her actions will unquestionably have clarified the attitudes of civil servants and politicians in Ottawa as they think about the degree to which they are willing to work with her company.

A very foolish person, not worthy of our respect, whatever the outcome. If I were her father and her employer (he is both) I would be instructing her to apologize immediately.