





Conversations About Foreign Threats: The Thin Edge of the Wedge

Briefings on Prosecuted Cases of Economic Espionage, Theft of IP Communist Party of China (CCP) (and other authoritarian regimes) are challenging global governance and the validity of competing governance models. A global network of partnerships centered on China would replace the U.S. system of treaty alliances, the international community would regard Beijing's authoritarian governance model as a better alternative to Western electoral democracy

Threats in Context: Why we must Focus on American & Democratic Values

A growing number of countries voicing their concern about the downsides of Chinese investments

The Belt and Road is Xi's vision for a world connected by Chinese-funded physical and digital infrastructure

More United Front workers and operations to achieve CCP's strategic and economic goals

United Front bureaucracy has expanded with an estimated 40,000 new United Front Department cadres since Xi became president in 2013 onomic More CCP-controlled entities operating in economic sectors, on university campuses, research labs, in pursuit of technologies, expertise, and controlling how China is

Confucius Institutes,
Chinese Students and
Scholars Associations,
Talent Programs, State
Owned Enterprises, Media
Companies under the
direct or indirect control of
the CCP
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U.S. Government,
University, Private
Sector Partnerships
must preserve and
strengthen American
and Democratic values

and alliances

Expanded Chinese influence and interference, economic and academic espionage

"Xi's Discourses on Mankind's Shared Future Published," China Daily, Oct. 15, 20 http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201810/15/WS5bc38adca310eff303282392.html

https://www.cnas.org/publications/commentary/dont-be-fooled-by-chinas-belt-and-road-rebrand

A Note on Influence vs Interference

INFLUENCE:

Open activities to attract others: *Soft Power 30* uses six dimensions:

Government
Digital
Culture
Enterprise
Engagement
Education

INTERFERENCE:

Crossing boundaries established by law and disrupting the normal flow of political or social activity.

Four categories of United Front Work Activities

Xi Jinping is a strong promoter of united front work tactics, and has increased the resourcing and prominence for these efforts within the CCP political system.

- 1. Efforts to control the Chinese diaspora, to utilize them as agents of Chinese foreign policy, and to suppress any hints of dissent.
- 2. Efforts to coopt foreigners to support and promote the CCP's foreign policy goals, and to provide access to strategic information and technical knowledge.
- Supporting a global, multi-platform, pro-PRC strategic communication strategy aimed at suppressing critical perspectives on the CCP and its policies, and promoting the CCP agenda.
- 4. Supporting the China-centered economic, transportation, and communication strategic bloc known as the Belt and Road Initiative.

More International Scrutiny by Democracies

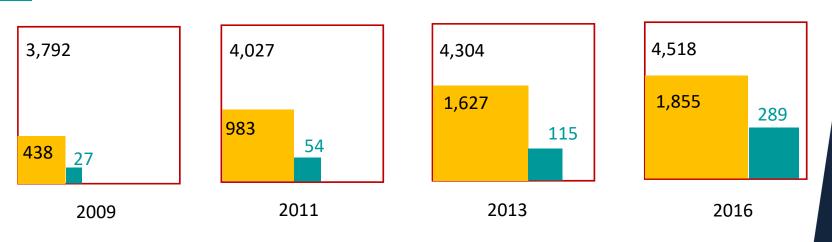
- The CCP's "Overseas Chinese work" has become an area of greater emphasis for the CCP—even as it has come under greater international scrutiny by democracies concerned about foreign political interference efforts.
- In 2015, Xi Jinping emphasized Chinese students abroad as a new focus of united front work, and the CCP continues to call on ethnic Chinese to support its growing international ambitions

ChinaBrief • Volume 19 • Issue 9 • May 9, 2019. Reorganizing the United Front Work Department: New Structures for a New Era of Diaspora and Religious Affairs Work By Alex Joske

The CCP has Expanded its Presence in the Non-Governmental Sector Distribution of CCP organizations (2009-2016)

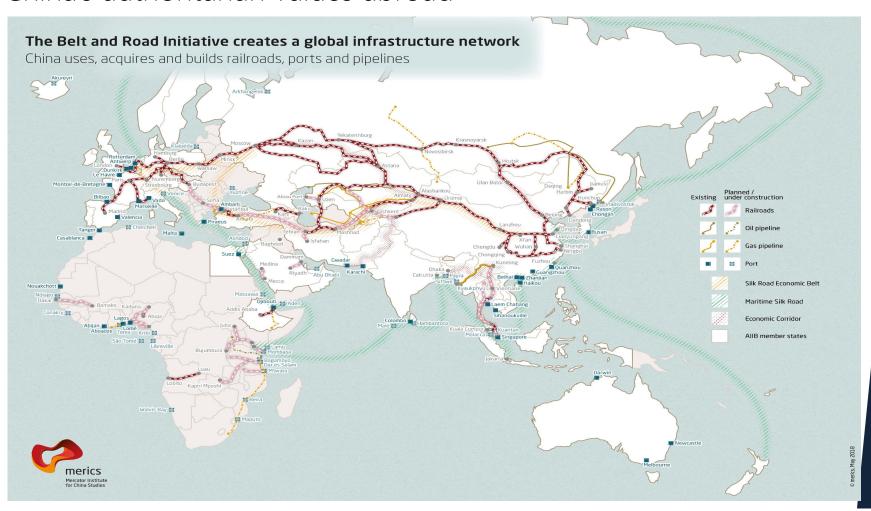


- Private Companies with Party Organizations (in thousands)
- Social Groups with Party Organizations (in thousands) (associations, non-profits, foundations, unions)



Source: MERICS Mercator Institute for China Studies Central Organization Department of the CCP.

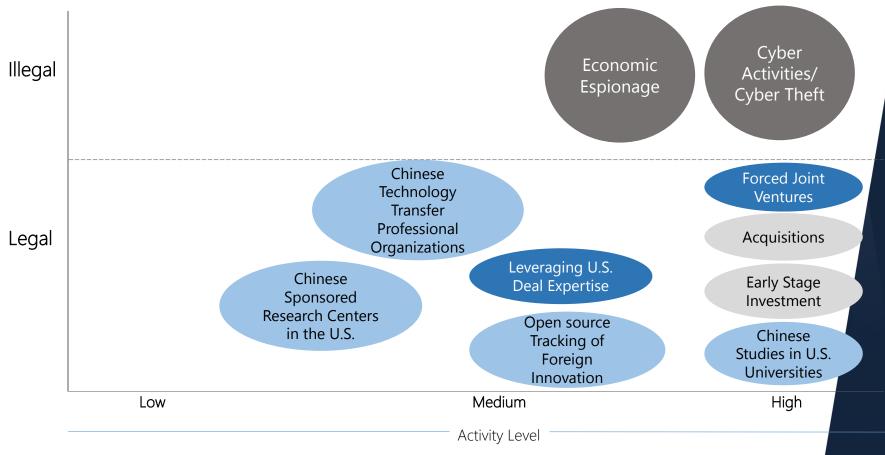
The Belt and Road will increasingly become a vehicle to project China's authoritarian values abroad



Challenges Posed by Chinese Belt Road Projects

- Erosion of national sovereignty
- Lack of transparency
- Unsustainable financial burdens
- Disengagement from local economic needs
- Geopolitical risks
- Negative environmental impacts
- Significant potential for corruption

How China Transfers Technology Not Illegal, but Not Transparent Either



Source: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission 6 may 2019.

Challenges Posed by Chinese Interference in U.S. University Life and Research

- Academic freedom and freedom of speech at risk
- Unsustainable long-term financial dependency
- Lack of transparency
- No reciprocity in openness
- Potential for loss of research integrity

HOW CHINA OPERATES ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

CONTROL THE NARRATIVE **INFLUENCE OPERATIONS**

Control How China is Perceived in the World

United Front Activities: Build Regime-Affiliated Communities Abroad. Chinese Embassy-Sponsored Welcome Parties. Chinese Students and Scholars Associations receive guidance from the CCP through Chinese embassies and consulates for suppression of free speech and the intimidation of Chinese student activists

CONTROL EVENTS AND OUTCOMES INTERFERENCE OPERATIONS

Erode Democratic Values, Principles, Institutions

Economic Influence over U.S. Universities **Full Tuition** Payments. Interfere in U.S. Universities **Overseas**

Influence Research Grant Process, Scientific Research **Integrity and Peer** Review. Publish or Patent ahead of **Findings**

Funding, Gifts of Technology to Universities and Institutes

Exploit Student, Faculty, Visiting Scientist U.S. Visa programs

Published Research

Pressure Publishers to not Publish Negative Portrayals of China. Censor Internet Access and Academic **Publications**

Recruit Students, Faculty, Researchers for Access to Sensitive Research

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Leverage Openness of U.S. Markets, Universities, Institutes

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CONDUCT CYBER OPERATIONS

- Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)
- Steal Information, PII
- Network Staging for Reconnaissance & Penetration
- Asymmetric Threat & Retaliation

Research MOUs between U.S. and Chinese Universities on sensitive technologies. Risk of intellectual capital diversion

Foreign Investment Mergers & Acquisitions

State-Owned Enterprises, Front and Shell Companies access to IP. Research Data, Technology. Penetrate U.S. **Supply Chains**

> DRAFT USG - UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CONCEPTUALIZATION (National Counterintelligence and Security Center)

How do we have Campus-wide Conversations about this?

Student groups call for Ottawa to investigate alleged interference by Chinese officials on Canadian campuses

The request for a federal probe raised to a new level concerns over Beijing' attempts at moulding opinion in Canada

How China uses shadowy United Front as 'magic weapon' to try to extend its influence in Canada Its activities include influencing the Chinese diagrams to back China co-

Its activities include influencing the Chinese diaspora to back China, coopting foreign political and economic elites and promoting Beijing's agenda worldwide



No one, rich or poor, tourist or local, can escape China's surveillance state

NEWS - FULL COMMENT - SPORTS - CULTURE - LIFE - MORE

Opinion: Visitors to China rarely realize they have been closely monitored by the intelligence system from the moment they arrived

THE ARREST IN VANCOUVER OF A CHINESE EXECUTIVE HAS CAUSED SHOCK AROUND THE WORLD.



China's premier denies Beijing tells companies to spy



Chinese President XI Jinping and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrive for the closing session of the National People's Congress in Beijing's Great hall of the People on Friday, March 15, 2019. Ng Han Guan/AP

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POLITICS

New Zealand scandal renews fears of China's 'United Front' influence

Authorities investigate alleged corruption with suspected Communist Party links

KATSUHIKO MESHINO, Nikkei senior staff write NOVEMBER 12, 2018 13:34 JST



New Zealand opposition leader Simon Bridges speaks to reporters on Oct. 16 in Wellington, New Zealand.

THE CHINA CHALLENGE IS ULTIMATELY ABOUT US, NOT THEM

- We are confronting increasingly illiberal, authoritarian, regimes.
- The foundation of American power is strong and we must approach the challenge from a position of strength and confidence.
- America has talent, a dynamic private sector, strong alliances and partnerships, leading universities, democratic values, and innovative spirit --everything we need to compete with illiberal authoritarian regime activities.
- The cost of inaction is the steady erosion of democratic institutions and values

The importance of a problem should be measured by its consequences









WORKING

USG-UNIVERSITY

PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS MANIFESTATIONS OF MALIGN CHINESE



DOD PROVIDE AWARENESS

Examples of Chinese Government Programs and Activities Operating in University Spaces







Wield Economic Sway over

U.S. Universities with Full

Tuition Payments. Interfere in

U.S. Universities Overseas

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Visiting Scientist U.S. Visa

programs

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Cyber Operations Targeting University Information Systems to Steal Data, Intellectual Property, PII



OUR CONVERSATION SPACE

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- Freedom of Speech
- Enhance VISA Application Screening Process, Know who we are Admitting to U.S. Universities

TRANSPARENCY, INTEGRITY & RECIPROCITY IN RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- Decrease Reliance on Chinese Students, Chinese Full-Tuition
- Protect the Integrity of the Peer Review
- Ensure Reciprocity in Research and Educational Partnerships
- Invest in U.S. STEM for Long-run Economic and National Security
- Uphold Values of Transparency, Integrity and Reciprocity

PROTECT R&D INVESTMENTS AND SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- CYBERSECURITY
- Invest in U.S. R&D –U.S. funding cuts entice foreign intervention
- · Strengthen Security in research labs, Export Control, cyber
- Investigate the extent of Chinese penetrations in R&D Programs
- Track malign foreign actors, share information among universities





















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Vice President for Student Affairs

VP for International Affairs

Vice Provosts for Research

VP for Finance | Operations

Congressional/Government Relations

Chief Information Officers

Research Faculty

University Export Control Officers

Campus Security Officers

Students, Faculty, University Community

Board of Trustees

UNIVERSITY STAKEHOLDERS

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES ON

General Counsel







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