US-CHINA TENSIONS, THE CHINESE PEOPLE, AND YOU

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It is July 2nd, 2020 What's in the Headlines Today?

US Headlines:

- COVID-19
- Hong Kong's Security Law and its aftermath
- China-India Tensions

Chinese Headlines (From glancing at Xinhua and People's Daily) :

- Xi Jinping's newest Speeches
- Economic Goals
- Hong Kong's implications for National Security

China's Politics Start at Home

- What do Fanfiction, Movie Stars and Apple's Cloud Data storage have in Common?

- Many of China's Domestic Laws are Broad and Subject to Enforcement
  - *National Security's definition in China also means Political Security*
  - *When Negotiating and moving in international space, Security is a priority in how China communicates and makes policy*

  As a result, people are usually one of two things: very nationalistic, or very quiet. That doesn't mean that's all there is, but the information space generally makes it that way

The Chinese government's Goals In the World

What happens in open-debate, open-info environments?

- Money
  - *Resources into economic wheeling and dealing through Belt and Road Initiative loan and grant packages*

- Media
  - *Propaganda, favorable-to-neutral depictions of the govt*
  - *Pressure against branding or other entities that go against the grain*

- Mingling
  - *Participation in institutions*

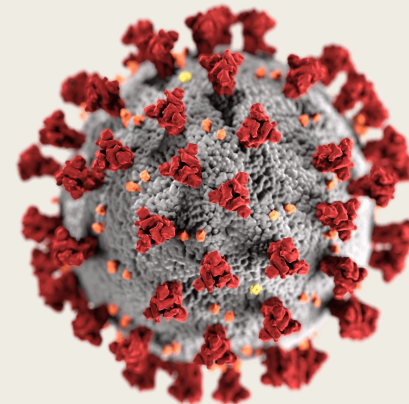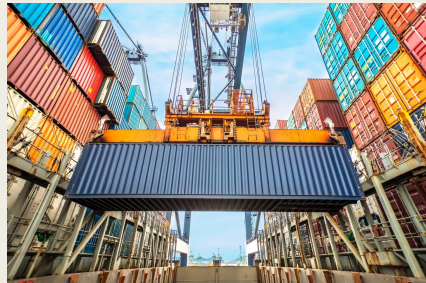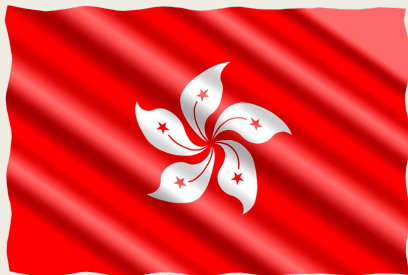 *This gets complicated when you factor in Chinese diasporas/overseas Chinese*

Washington's Beijing Strategy Through History

- Nixon & Normalization
  - *Reagan's admin and Taiwan*
- China's WTO Entry
- Bush Years/Pivot to Asia
- Obama and Trump Presidencies

What's on the Table Right Now?

- Trade & Technology

- People to People exchanges – think study abroad, business trips

- Money matters & Hong Kong

- COVID – Cooperation or competition?

- Xinjiang and China's Human Rights Issues

- China's Rise in International Spaces

Where Can I learn More?

- https://www.mandarinsociety.org/syllabi/
- China in the 21st century, what Everyone Needs to Know
- China in Ten Words

- Videos and Films
- American Factory
- One Child Nation

Questions? Comments?

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- Q&A Immediately following me finishing this sentence