



The Rise of China

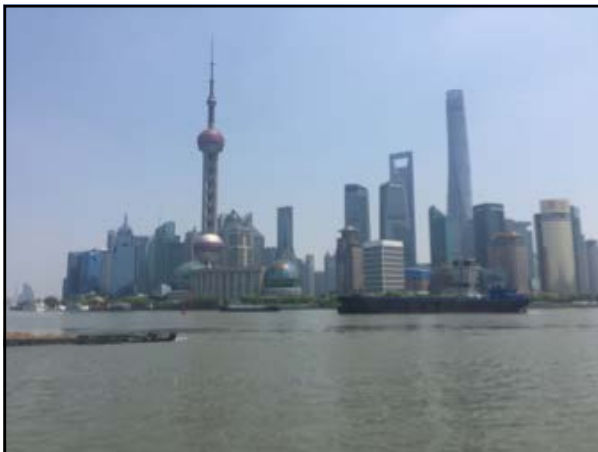
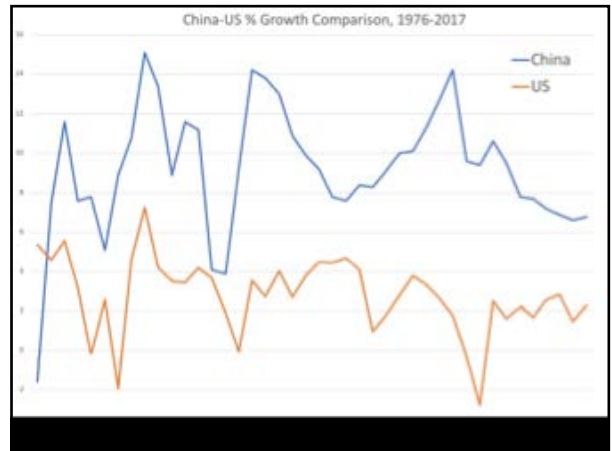
Current Events Wednesday  
February 28, 2018





US-China Comparison

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US</li> <li>- 327 million</li> <li>- 9.83 m km<sup>2</sup> (3rd largest)</li> <li>- Largest economy</li> <li>- GDP per capita: \$57,638 (10th)</li> <li>- Highest defense spending</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China</li> <li>- 1.38 billion</li> <li>- 9.6 m km<sup>2</sup> (4th largest)</li> <li>- 2nd largest economy</li> <li>- GDP per capita: \$15,529 (72nd)</li> <li>- Largest military spending</li> </ul>
--	--





Today

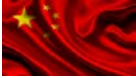
- Chinese communism under Mao.
- Post-Mao reforms.
- China today.
- China and world politics.



1949: The Communist Revolution


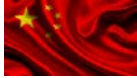


Celebration in Shanghai, October 1949



### China in 1949

- 565 million people.
- Life expectancy: 40.
- Literacy rate: 20%.
- 87% rural.

### Building Communism

- Rapid industrialization.
- Formation of rural communes.
- Expansion of education.
- Rigid centralization.
- Elimination of opposition.

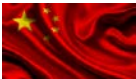


### Cultural Revolution: 1966–1976

Radicalization, acceleration, and mass terror.


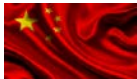



### 1976: Mao's Death

### First Reform Era: 1976–1989

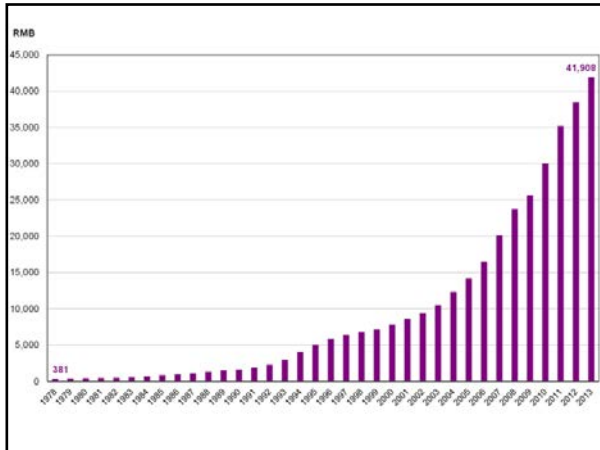
- Leader: Deng Xiaoping.
- First steps in capitalism.
- Legalization of foreign investment.
- Beginning of rapid growth.

### China Today

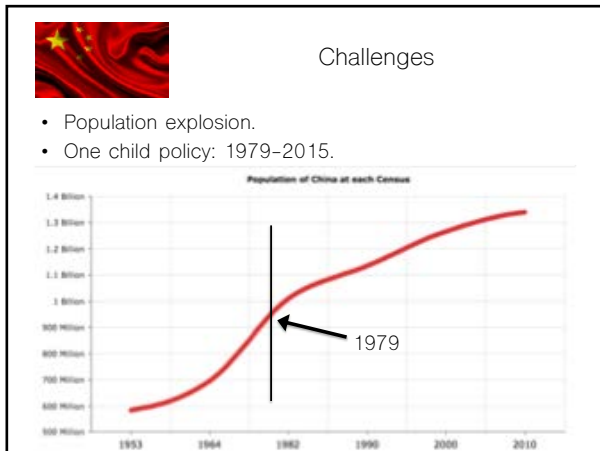
- More reforms since 1989.
- 60% of GDP and 80% of jobs are in the private sector.
- Politically: communist.
- Economically: mostly capitalist, "socialist market economy."
- 1.38 billion people.
- Life expectancy: 76.
- Literacy rate: 96%.





### Chinese Politics

- Centralized.
- Communist Party firmly in power.
- Repression of opposition.
- Extensive use of death penalty.
- President Xi Jinping: term limits just removed.



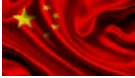
### Challenges

- By 2035, 20% of the population will be retired.
- Who will pay for their pensions and health care?

### Challenges

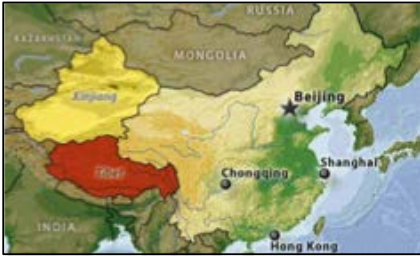
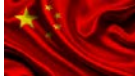
- Pollution.

### Corruption



### Separatist Tendencies

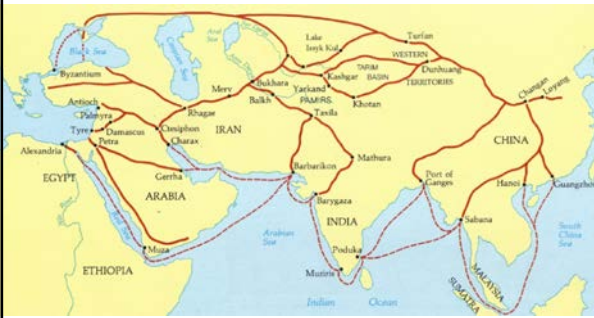
- 96 ethnic groups.
- Separatism in Xinjiang and Tibet.

### China and World Politics

- Seeking global influence.
- Soft power projection through most of Asia and beyond.
  - "One Belt, One Road:" a new Silk Road to integrate Chinese and other economies.

### The Historic Silk Road: 100 BCE – 1500 CE




One Belt, One Road



TRUMP'S POPULISM

THIS COULD UNITE US ALL!

AFRICA

EUROPE


ASIA

CHINA

BELT AND ROAD

© Tomer Shalev

### Shifting Ties in Asia



Many countries are shifting toward China and away from the traditional American-led order.

But some countries are still working to counteract China.

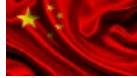

And others are hoping to play both sides.

NYT 3/14/18



### China and World Politics

- Seeking global influence.
- Soft power projection through most of Asia and beyond.
- Aggressive posture in the South China Sea.

Disputed territorial claim: the "9-dash line."

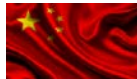


US Aircraft carrier sails through international waters claimed by China, 2017.

### President for life?

- Term limits (two five-year terms) were added after Deng Xiao-ping's death.
- They were removed this month.

Chinese president Xi Jinping

### Conclusion

- Growing in influence and power.
- Economic power more influential than military might.
- Military power is also growing.
- But: strong challenges:
  - Maintaining growth.
  - Demographic "time bomb".
  - Environmental degradation.
  - Corruption.
  - Separatism.