



Republican Priorities for Countering China

In September 2020, the China Task Force released a report with more than 400 forward-leaning recommendations on how the United States can successfully counter the Chinese Communist Party's malign behavior. Two-thirds of the legislative recommendations had bipartisan support in Congress. Below are policies that China Task Force Members have proposed to protect U.S. national security.

Ideological Competition

- Organizing a whole-of-government framework to counter the CCP's hostile communist ideology, which poses a threat to the American way of life
- Coordinating a whole-of-government offensive information statecraft campaign to counter CCP disinformation and propaganda
- Countering the CCP's corruption of the United Nations system, by requiring transparency and accountability
- Highlighting the CCP's rampant environmental destruction and debt trap diplomacy through their Belt and Road Initiative and better assist American companies to compete across the globe
- Holding the CCP accountable for covering up the first cases and spread of COVID-19, turning it from a local outbreak into a global pandemic

Supply Chain

- Providing aggressive, smart, and targeted tax incentives to accelerate our research and development (R&D) and production of crucial medicines, medical supplies, ingredients, tests, and vaccines
- Funding the CHIPS Act and designing tax incentives to catalyze domestic production of advanced semiconductors with guardrails to prevent recipients from helping the CCP dominate this vital supply chain
- Overhauling the federal permitting process for mineral development and prioritizing advancements in mineral refining so neither industry nor the Defense Industrial Base are reliant on the CCP

Technology

- Taking a whole-of-government approach to expose the security risks posed by the PRC in 5G networks and increasing cooperation between the U.S. and its allies and partners to keep our networks clean of CCP's malign influence
- Securing international leadership in the technologies of tomorrow, including AI, quantum, 5G, and autonomous vehicles
- Sanctioning PRC entities engaged in economic or industrial espionage and any PRC entity that tries to steal sensitive bio and medical research and R&D, including COVID vaccines
- Protecting Americans' personal data, intellectual property and government secrets from theft by the CCP and stopping forced technology transfers

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National Security

- Working with the DoD to modernize force structure, posture, operational concepts, and acquisitions in order to maintain our conventional military edge over the CCP and deter their belligerence and territorial aggression
- Ensuring modernization of all three legs of the nuclear triad as well as development and fielding of conventional capabilities critical to counter the PLA in the Indo-Pacific, including ground-launched cruise and ballistic missiles
- Underscoring the need for a minimum three to five percent real growth in the defense budget per year in order to deter and defeat the PLA and other key adversaries
- Strengthening U.S. national security by enhancing the military capabilities of U.S. allies, including Taiwan, to push back on CCP aggression
- Cutting off material support of CCP military industrial base companies, including divestment from companies with ties to the CCP's military
- Ensuring the Department of Justice China Initiative is effective as possible to best address CCP-linked spying, economic espionage, and other malign influence

Economics and Energy

- Establishing a new framework for the U.S. government to unify export control policies with our partners and allies to keep critical technologies, including semiconductor manufacturing equipment, from our adversaries
- Creating greater transparency and accountability on export control licensing practices and identification of emerging and foundational technologies
- Applying heightened scrutiny for investments in and joint ventures with PRC companies
- Highlighting outbound flows of U.S. capital into the PRC that threaten U.S. national and economic security, such as passive investment into entities that support their military
- Strengthening trade relationships with our allies to establish U.S. standards and counter the PRC's influence
- Enforcing reciprocal treatment of PRC investment into the U.S. to restore symmetry in bilateral investment rules
- Ensuring PRC companies are held to the same financial disclosure standards as American companies when listing on U.S. stock exchanges
- Working to deepen our trade ties with Taiwan and resolving specific outstanding trade issues so the Administration can take steps to launch trade agreement negotiations once those issues are addressed
- Continuing to advance U.S. energy security in order to be a global counter against the PRC, particularly on the nuclear energy front

Competitiveness

- Strengthening the protection of sensitive research at America's colleges and universities and leading research institutions which includes restricting all federal employees and contractors from participating in foreign talent programs
- Countering malign PRC influence in the U.S. university system, including by enforcing disclosure requirements for foreign payments
- Maintaining the United States' advantage in higher education and ensuring Americans are best positioned to gain the skills needed in critical technology industries