

CHINA IN 2012:

A Newly Aggressive China?

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BEIJING'S NUMBER 1 PRIORITY: DOMESTIC ISSUES

- KEEPING THE CCP IN POWER**
- POPULAR SUPPORT**
- ECONOMY**
- CORRUPTION**
- ENVIRONMENT**

BEIJING'S VIEW OF THE U.S. ON THESE ISSUES

- U.S. TRYING TO CONTAIN CHINA**
- MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATIES**
- CULTURAL IMPERIALISM**
- TAIWAN**
- SUVEILLANCE OPERATIONS**
- CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS**
- “PIVOT” TO ASIA**

Corruption

- Economic**
- Political**
- Civil-Military Relations**

DIPLOMATIC ISSUES?

- **TAIWAN**
- **NORTH KOREA**
- **EAST CHINA SEA**
- **SOUTH CHINA SEA**
- **BURMA (MYANMAR)**
- **INDIA / PAKISTAN**
- **IRAN**

ECONOMIC EXPANSION

- **\$1.1 TRILLION IN U.S. CURRENCY IN RESERVES**
- **QUARTER CENTURY OF REMARKABLE GDP GROWTH**
- **UNEQUAL GROWTH
GEOGRAPHICALLY AND DEMOGRAPHICALLY**
- **WTO ISSUES**

Military Modernization

- **PERSONNEL: PLA, PAP,**
- **EQUIPMENT: SUBMARINES AND MISSILES**
- **MISSIONS:**
“The first priority for the [PLA] is domestic stability and maintaining the ‘vanguard leadership’ position of the party.”

THREAT TO U.S.? ALLIES? INTERESTS?

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