
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Communist China: A New Strategy for Countering America's Top Threat

Countering China's Industrial Espionage and Intellectual Property Theft

1. Enhance the ability to bring cases for IP theft by ensuring the Defend Trade Secrets Act applies extraterritorially
2. Require Chinese businesses to assign an agent for service of process in the U.S.
3. Address sovereign immunity abuses to better enable private sector litigants to seek legal redress against Chinese companies for IP theft.
4. Amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to allow suits against foreign states' corporate affiliates under the law's commercial activity exception
5. Require Chinese firms to waive any potential claim of sovereign immunity doing business in the U.S.
6. Reform the evidentiary requirements of Section 337 of the Tariff Act to facilitate cases for cyber theft of trade secrets
7. Congress should sanction companies that steal American IP and require a report identifying such companies
8. Require the Department of the Treasury to produce an annual report identifying companies that have stolen or benefited from stolen IP from U.S. companies
9. Codify the Department of Commerce's Denied Persons List as option to punish for foreign companies with a pattern of breaking U.S. laws

Counter China's IP Theft at American Research Institutions and Academia

10. Enact a visa disclosure requirement for foreign students receiving funding directly or indirectly from the Chinese government
11. Require a report on the efficacy of the Department of State's visa screening mechanism to mitigate Chinese IP theft and creation of a list of research institutions associated with China's People's Liberation Army and Ministry of State Security
12. Require student visa holders to report to the Department of Homeland Security if they change majors and require periodic re-vetting upon reentering the U.S.
13. End visas for Chinese government officials, active duty members of the Chinese military, and senior officials in the CCP, and their immediate family members until China ends IP theft from American universities and research institutions
14. Enact the Protect our Universities Act
15. Congress should require Department of Defense research grant applicants to certify that no recipients have ever participated in a Chinese talent recruitment program
16. Require a report detailing the extent China has benefited from U.S. taxpayer funded research and from Chinese funding of U.S. research institutions
17. Enact the Safe Career Transitions for Intelligence and National Security Professionals Act

Exposing CCP-linked Corporate Subterfuge

18. Establish an Office of Critical Technologies and Security to help prevent the transfer of critical emerging, foundational, and dual-use technologies to countries of concern
19. Require Chinese companies to disclose internal CCP committees and financial support provided by the Chinese government
20. Enact the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act
21. Enact the Promoting Secure 5G Act

Stopping China's Malign Political Influence and Disinformation Campaigns

22. Create new authority to sanction state-backed disinformation networks and mandate placing such sanctions on the CCP's United Front Work Department
23. Enact legislation to protect our universities from CCP propaganda
24. Require think tanks and non-profits to disclose contributions from certain foreign entities over \$50,000 annually
25. Enhance FARA to strengthen penalties for state-backed violators, require disclaimers on direct foreign government propaganda, improve its public database, and repeal exceptions for certain foreign private sector entities

Human Rights and International Institutions

26. Enact the Countering the Chinese Government and Communist Party's Political Influence Operations Act
27. Mandate sanctions on Chen Quanguo, other senior CCP members, and other Chinese officials responsible for human rights abuses in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong
28. Enact a statement of policy that responding to the human rights abuses in Xinjiang is a central aspect of U.S.-China relations
29. Create a rebuttable presumption that goods originating in Xinjiang are products of forced labor for purposes of prohibiting their import under Section 307 of the Tariff Act
30. Require GAO to produce a report on the effectiveness of current pro-democracy and human rights funding going to China through the Department of State and the National Endowment for Democracy
31. Statutorily support the President's effort to withdraw from the WHO and redirect support to other global health initiatives.
32. Require the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) to report on China's coercive influence over international bodies and its efforts to redefine human rights based on Communist Party philosophy
33. Cut funding to international bodies compromised by the CCP.
34. Require the Department of State to issue a strategy to counter Chinese efforts to control key international standard setting bodies and other multilateral organizations
35. Direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the WHO

Countering China's Global Military Modernization

36. Require the Department of Defense to publish a list of Communist Chinese military companies operating in the U.S.
37. Direct the Department of Defense to examine the feasibility of public-private partnerships for the secure development of hypersonics technology

Strengthening our Alliances and Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific and Beyond

38. Enact the South China Sea and East China Sea Sanctions Act
39. Encourage the Trump administration to pursue expanded trade with India and elicit human rights improvements
40. Enact the United States-India Enhanced Cooperation Act
41. Encourage the Trump administration to begin negotiations for a free trade agreement with Taiwan
42. Encourage the Trump administration to prioritize free trade agreements with the Philippines and Indonesia and conditionally with Vietnam
43. Enact the Mongolia Third Neighbor Trade Act
44. Encourage the Trump administration to complete a free trade agreement with Kenya to counter China's growing influence in Africa
45. Encourage the Trump administration to begin negotiations for a free trade agreement with Brazil

Russia: Rolling Back Aggression Through a Strategy of Deterrence

Enhancing Sanctions on Russia

46. Designate Russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism
47. Impose new secondary sanctions against companies supporting special Russian petroleum and natural gas projects, including the Nord Stream 2 project
48. Expand sanctions on the purchase of new Russian sovereign debt
49. Enact the Defending American Security from Kremlin Aggression (DASKAA) Act
50. Require the Department of the Treasury to place Vnesheconombank (VEB) on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) list
51. Sanction Russian propaganda chiefs and those undermining U.S. partners from the former Soviet Union
52. Direct the Department of State to produce a report on Kremlin-connected oligarchs who finance Russian military aggression
53. Require an interagency report on Russian influence in key domestic sectors
54. Mandate sanctions on the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) until it expels Russia from the international SWIFT code system
55. Mandate regular public “financial exercises” that demonstrate how the U.S. and our allies would seize and freeze assets in the event of Russian aggression

Improving Russian Containment by Supporting NATO and Our Allies

56. Require the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to make deterring Russian aggression a top agenda item at all NATO summits
57. Enact the Crimea Annexation Non-Recognition Act
58. Enact the Georgia Support Act
59. Renew the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and expand it to include anti-ship weapons
60. Continue to support the European Deterrence Initiative

Countering Disinformation and Supporting Democracy Activists within Russia

61. Direct the Department of State to assemble a strategy to communicate information directly to the Russian people

Advancing American Interests in the Middle East: Confronting Iran & the Jihadi Terrorist Movement

Enhancing President Trump’s Maximum Pressure Campaign on Iran

62. Limit executive waivers that lift sanctions on Iran
63. Urge the Trump administration to trigger snapback sanctions against Iran
64. Support Trump administration efforts to extend U.N. arms embargo on Iran
65. Direct the Department of the Treasury to sanction the commander of the IRGC’s Aerospace Force
66. Impose sanctions on Iran’s petrochemical, financial, automotive, & construction sectors
67. Impose sanctions on the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) and its Iranian counterpart, the Special Trade and Financial Institute (STFI)
68. Require the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to broaden the scope of activities constituting ‘significant support’ to Iran’s shipping sector
69. Codify and expand current human rights sanctions on Iran
70. Impose sanctions targeting Iranian individuals and entities involved in human rights abuses

71. Require the Trump administration to sanction the Iranian heads of foundations and holding groups constituting the Iranian Supreme Leader's financial empire
72. Impose sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB)
73. Enact the Iran Human Rights and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act
74. Enact the Stop Corrupt Iranian Oligarchs and Entities Act
75. Enact a statement of policy supporting and expanding Secretary of State Pompeo's twelve points for the removal of sanctions on Iran

Protecting America by Solidifying the President's War Authorizations

76. Congress should enact a new AUMF to ensure the President has clear authority to keep the country safe from Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

Countering Iran's Regional Role

77. Congress should require the Department of State to designate a number of Iranian-backed proxy militias in Iraq and Syria as FTOs and maintain a watchlist of future Iranian-backed proxy militias.
78. Require a report on the long-term threats posed by backing the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) and other Iranian backed militias in the war on ISIS
79. Block funding for the Iraqi Minister Ministry of Interior and Federal Police until certain safeguards are met
80. Enact the Iraq Human Rights and Accountability Act
81. Enact legislation to require Iraq to comply with sanctions on Iran
82. Cut all funding for U.S. security assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF)
83. Prohibit sending taxpayer money to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to bail out Lebanon
84. Expand sanctions on Hezbollah and its allies in Lebanon
85. Enact a statement of policy supporting the Trump administration policy of political transition in Syria and withdrawal of all Iranian forces from Syria
86. Require the Department of Defense to produce a feasibility assessment of a no-fly zone over Idlib, Syria
87. Sanction the Houthis in Yemen as a FTO and codify sanctions on those supporting the Houthis and destabilizing Yemen
88. Refrain from cutting arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE
89. Direct the Department of Defense to provide a comprehensive assessment of U.S. capabilities to defend against Iranian ballistic missile, cruise missile, and unmanned combat aerial vehicles

Countering Salafi-Jihadi Ideology

90. Enact a statement of policy to more accurately define the goals of countering ISIS and Al Qaeda as countering the global Salafi-jihadi movement
91. Enact the Saudi Educational Transparency and Reform Act

Eliminating Safe Havens and Breeding Grounds of the Salafi-jihadi Movement

92. Create a strategic office designed specifically to defeat the Salafi-jihadi movement
93. Develop an expeditionary civilian capacity with coordination between USAID, State, and Defense Departments to support Chiefs of Missions and Combatant Commands
94. Require a report assessing the risks of a premature U.S. withdrawal from the Sahel region of Africa
95. Enact the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act
96. Enact the Libya Stabilization Act
97. Support the ceasefire in Yemen and a resolution to the Yemeni civil war to help defeat Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula
98. Enact a statement of policy supporting human rights in Iraq and rejecting partnering with the Assad regime in Syria or Iranian militias in Iraq

99. Enact a statement of policy to ensure we continue to sustain the victory over ISIS, prevent the rise of other Salafi-jihadist terror groups, and protect oil resources from Iranian capture
100. Enact the Ensuring a Secure Afghanistan Act

Blocking Funding and State Support of Salafi-jihadi Movement

101. Codify Executive Order 13224 with enhancements made by President Trump to ensure the president has adequate statutory authority to target and designate terrorist organizations
102. Condition aid to Pakistan on actions and commitments to stop supporting the Haqqani group and the Taliban
103. Consider sanctions on senior officials in Pakistani defense and intelligence apparatus if they continue to support terrorism and destabilization of Afghanistan
104. Examine whether Pakistan meets the definition to be a State Sponsor of Terrorism
105. Increase resources to the OFAC and grant it direct-hire authority to increase the speed and effectiveness of sanctions implementation

Maintaining an International Order Based on American Values

Protecting an American Vision of Human Rights

106. Enact a statement of policy that standing for democracy and human rights is in the U.S. national security interest
107. Hold legislative hearings on the recommendations of the Commission on Inalienable Rights
108. Hold annual hearings on the state of democracy and human rights in the world
109. Lower the threshold under the Global Magnitsky Act from “gross” violations of human rights to “serious” violations of human rights
110. Remove references in U.S. law that rely upon the U.N. or other international organizations for human rights determinations
111. Prohibit the Department of State from using federal funding to report on violations of “social and economic rights”
112. Prohibit federal funding for promoting international guidelines and standards obligating businesses to protect and fulfill social and economic rights
113. Direct the Department of State to report on human rights inflation, including efforts of the U.N. bureaucracy to bypass normal procedures for recognizing universal human rights
114. Codify the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom as an annually held, U.S.-led forum

Promoting Accountability and Reform at the U.N.

115. Direct to the President to pressure the U.N. to shift member contributions toward a voluntary basis
116. Direct the Department of State Inspector General to inspect and audit the use of U.S. funds by international organizations
117. Direct the Department of State to rank U.N. organizations in terms of how valuable they are to U.S. interests
118. Continue to enforce the 25 percent cap on funding for U.N. peacekeeping
119. Require the State Department’s annual Voting Practices in the United Nations report to include information on foreign assistance awarded to each nation
120. Require U.N. voting practices to be a mandatory consideration in U.S. foreign assistance allocations
121. Require certification that U.S. Ambassadors discuss the annual report on “Voting Practices in the United Nations” with the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the country where they are assigned
122. Restrict a portion of U.S. voluntary contributions to the U.N. on it increasing its employment of U.S. nationals
123. End U.S. funding for the U.N. Development Program, U.N. Office of Disarmament Affairs, the U.N. Human Settlements Program, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

- Change, and the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 124. Statutorily block funding for the U.N. Population Fund Agency
 - 125. Codify President Trump's enhanced Mexico City Policy
 - 126. Enact the Stop UN Aid for Assad Act
 - 127. Enact a statement of policy promoting the Community of Democracies as an alternative multilateral organization to the U.N.

A Results-Oriented Approach to Foreign Aid and International Diplomacy

Foreign Aid Reform

- 128. Reduce legislative directives in foreign assistance
- 129. Consolidate foreign assistance programs into four assistance accounts with clear purposes and well-defined lines of authority
- 130. Move USAID functions under the Department of State
- 131. Test transitioning USAID's development assistance mission to the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
- 132. Direct the MCC to require countries receiving assistance to adopt policies to strengthen the rule of law, economic freedom, and attract private investment

State Department Reform

- 133. Empower U.S. Ambassadors with more control regarding foreign assistance in their host country
- 134. Replace the Foreign and Civil Service with a modern hiring structure based on merit
- 135. Eliminate the Undersecretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment
- 136. Eliminate the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations
- 137. Reform current Under Secretary positions within the Department of State to elevate its work on human rights and the oversight of multilateral affairs and international organizations
- 138. Reconstitute the U.S. Information Agency and eliminate the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs and most of its bureaus, including the Global Engagement Center
- 139. Eliminate redundant, outdated, irrelevant, and duplicative reports at the Department of State