

US relationship with China : 1949-2020

A perilous past, and an uncertain present

October 1949

People's Republic of China Established



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Crowds celebrate the triumph of Communists in China

June 1950

Korean War Breaks Out



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South Korean refugees block the road bridge as they flee advancing Communists South of Seoul

August 1954 First Taiwan Strait Crisis



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Nationalist Chinese soldiers unload ammunition in Quemoy.



March 1959 Tibetan Uprising

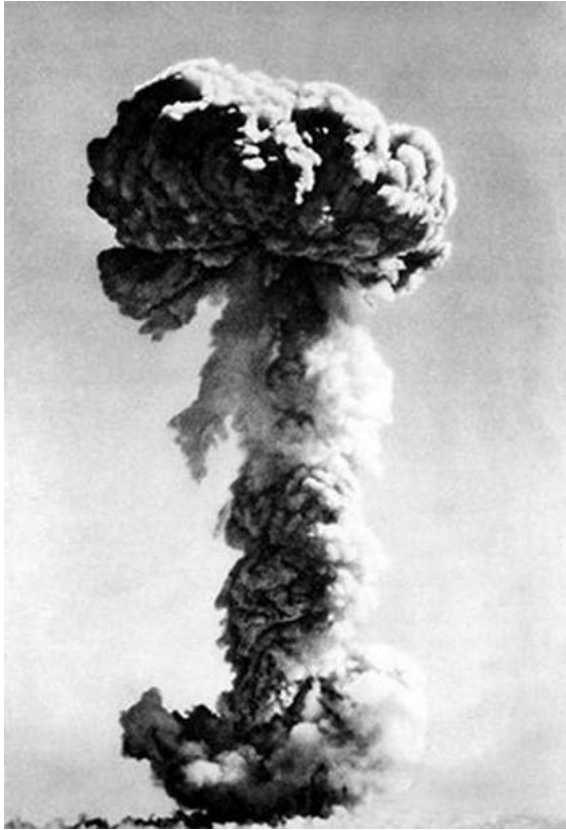


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Thousands protest the Chinese occupation of Tibet in front of the Dalai Lama's palace.

October 1964

China's First Atomic Test



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China's atomic test in the Gobi desert of Xinjiang province.

March 1969

Sino-Soviet Border Conflict



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Chinese soldiers deploy near the Soviet border.

April 1971 Ping-Pong Diplomacy

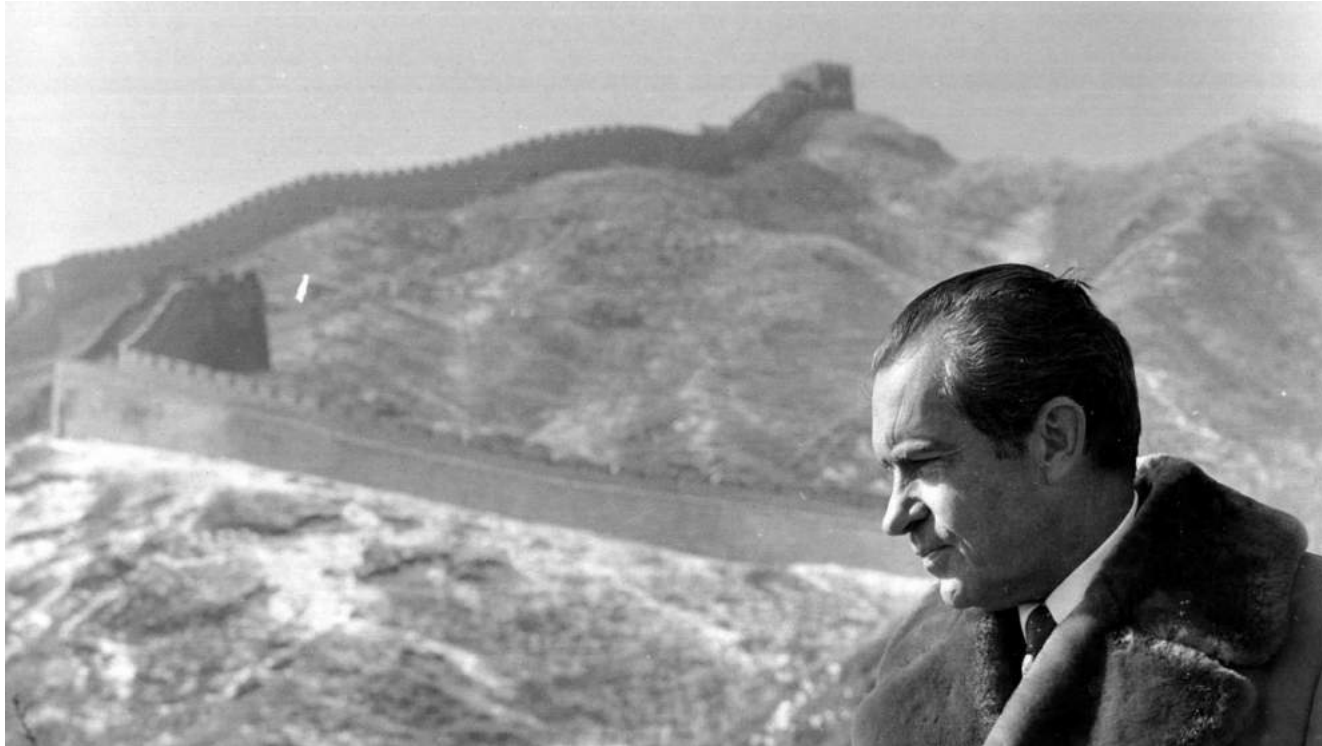


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Members of the U.S. ping-pong team meet reporters after leaving China.

February 1972

Nixon Visits China



1979

Formal Ties and One China Policy



July 1982

China in the Reagan Era



June 1989

Tiananmen Square Massacre



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A lone protester confronts military tanks in Tiananmen Square.

September 1993

Prominent Dissidents Deported



March 1996

Taiwan's First Free Presidential Vote



May 1999

Belgrade Embassy Bombing



October 2000

Normalized Trade Relations



April 2001

U.S.-Sino Spy Plane Standoff



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A U.S. electronics intelligence collection aircraft takes off from Japan's Kadena Air Base.

September 2005

‘Responsible Stakeholder’



March 2007

China Increases Military Spending



September 2008

China Becomes Largest U.S. Foreign Creditor



August 2010

China Becomes World's Second-Largest Economy



November 2011

U.S. 'Pivots' Toward Asia



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Secretary of State Clinton addresses APEC leaders in Honolulu, Hawaii.

February 2012

Rising Trade Tensions



April 2012

Dissident Flees to U.S. Embassy



November 2012

China's New Leadership



June 7 – 8, 2013
Sunnylands Summit



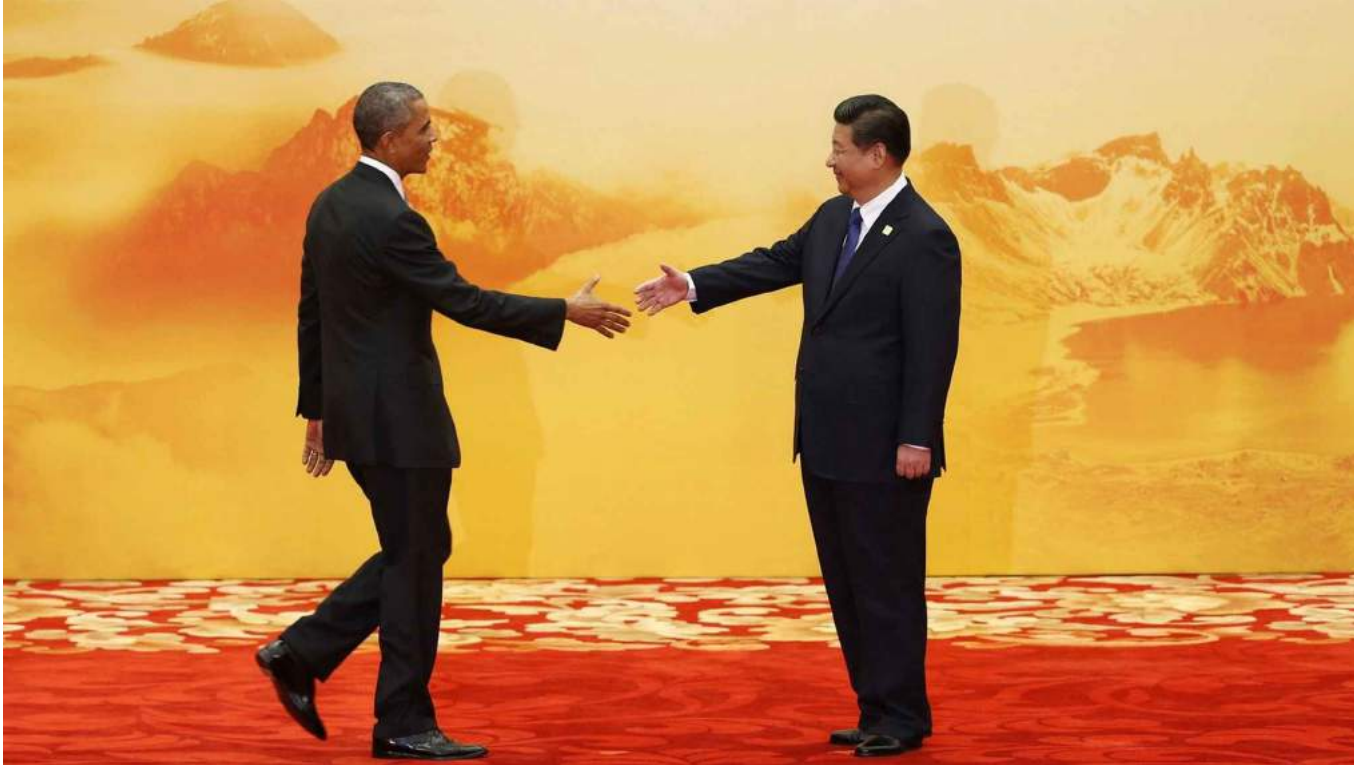
May 19, 2014

U.S. Indicts Chinese Nationals



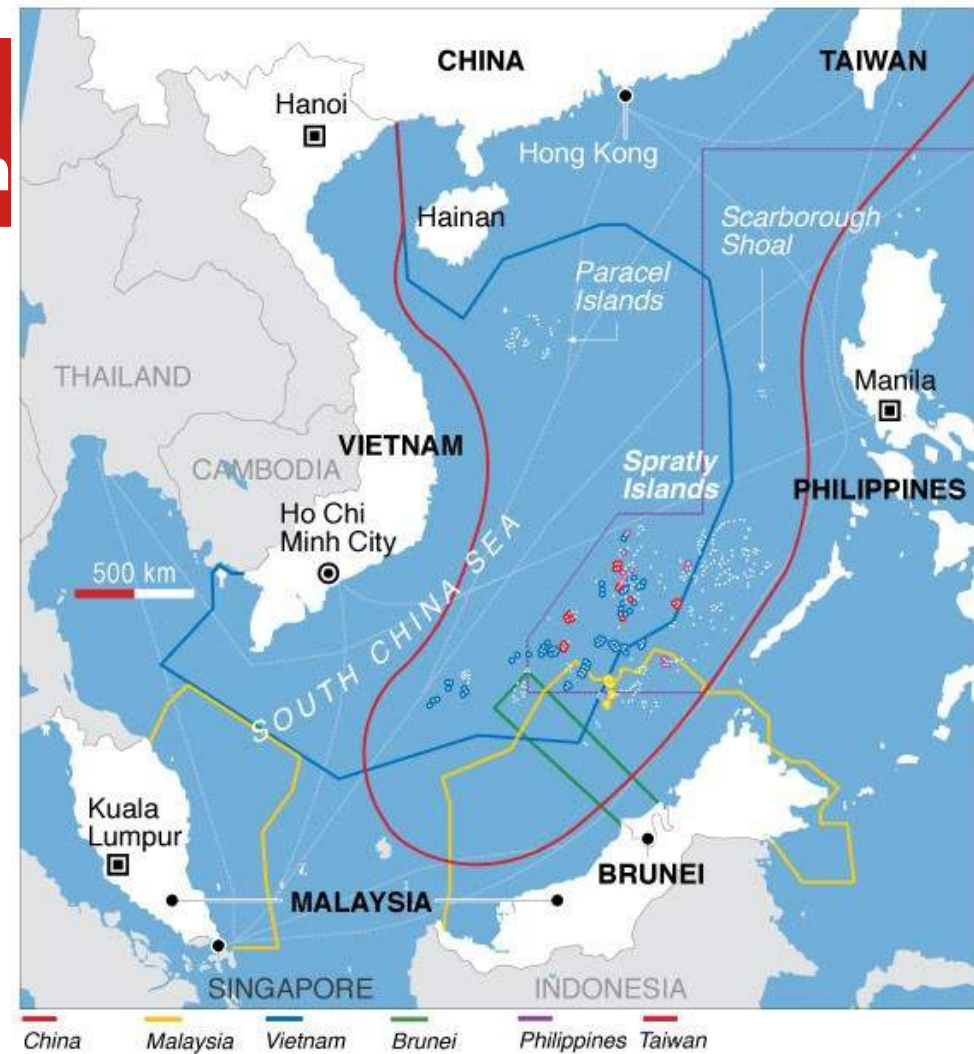
November 12, 2014

Joint Climate Announcement



May 30, 2015

U.S. Warns China Over South China Sea



February 9, 2017

Trump Affirms One China Policy After Raising Doubts



April 6 – 7, 2017

Trump Hosts Xi at Mar-a-Lago



March 22, 2018

Trump Tariffs Target China



July 6, 2018

U.S.-China Trade War Escalates



October 4, 2018

Pence Speech Signals Hard-Line Approach



December 1, 2018

Canada Arrests Huawei Executive



March 6, 2019

Huawei Sues the United States



May 10, 2019

Trade War Intensifies



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Markets fell in the United States as the trade war escalated in **May**.

August 5, 2019

U.S. Labels China a Currency Manipulator



November 27, 2019

Trump Signs Bill Supporting Hong Kong Protesters



January 15, 2020

‘Phase One’ Trade Deal Signed



January 31, 2020

Tensions Soar Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

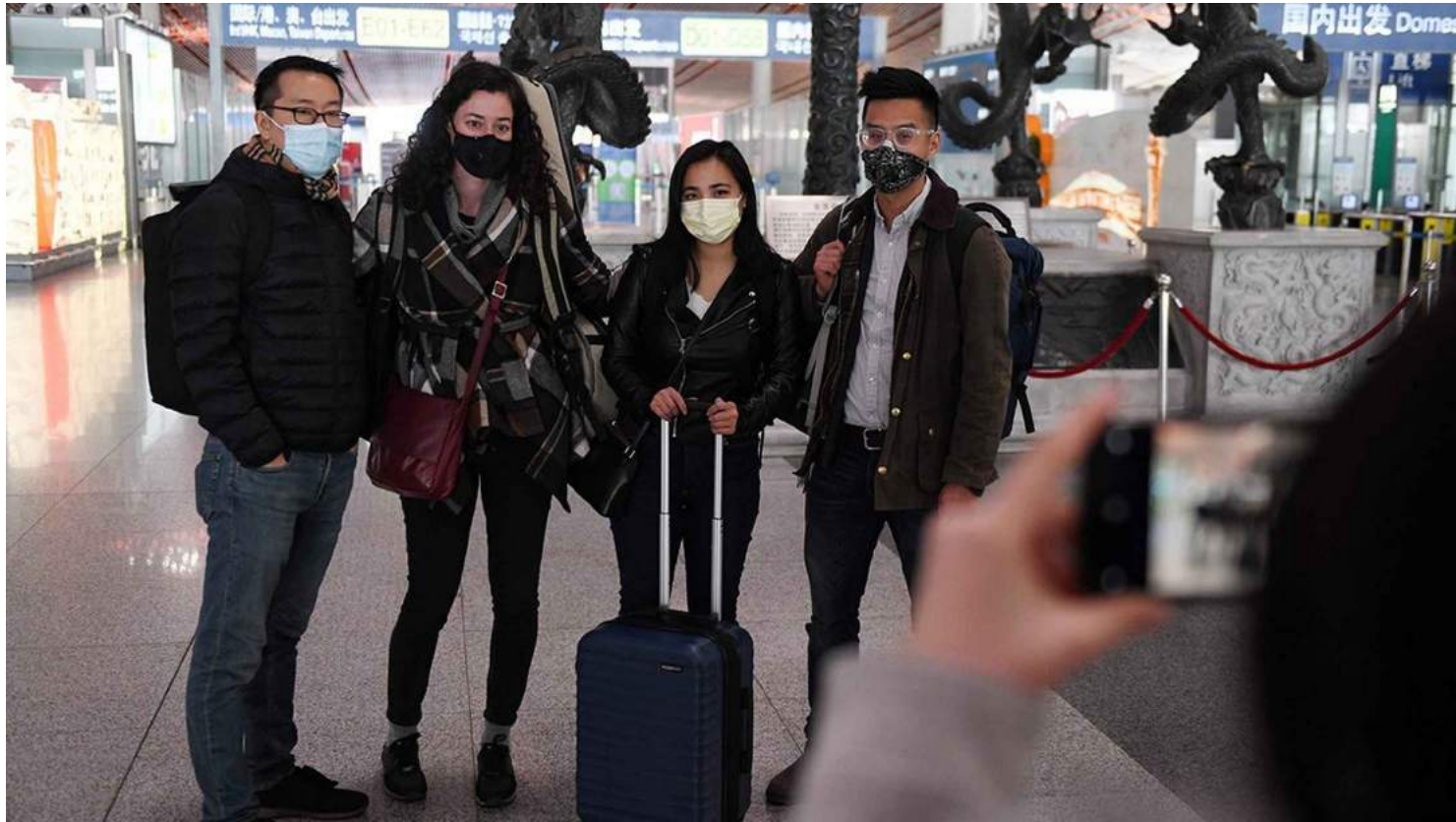


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A police officer guards an animal market in Wuhan, China, where a new coronavirus was reported in January.

March 18, 2020

China Expels American Journalists



July 14, 2020

Trump Ends Hong Kong's Special Status



July 22, 2020

U.S., China Close Consulates in Diplomatic Escalation



July 23, 2020

Pompeo Says Engagement With China Has Failed



November 2020 – December 2020

Trump Ramps Up Pressure as Transition Looms



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A security member keeps watch during a session of the National People's Congress, 14 members of which the US sanctioned in December.