US – China Relations: Past, Present and Future

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China’s Growth and Scale

• Out of 10 largest cities in the world 4 are in China
• China has 160 cities with more than 1 mn in them - US has 10
• Foxconn: 1.4 mn workers
• Imagine Cal with over 1.2 mn students
US- China Relations Past

• Nixon visit in 1972
• Normalization of Relations under Carter in 1979
• 1980s US was concerned about tech competition from JPN - not China.
• US help – provided satellite and missile technology to China to help them catch up
• Trade will build economy and open society
US – China Relations Present

• 1990’s – early 2000’s – Belief that China will become more open and democratic
• Today China’s economy a close #2 to US
• Trade Fights and Tariffs
• Major concerns:
  – Trade
  – Technology Transfer
  – Theft of Business Secrets
  – Access to Chinese Markets
US – China Relations Future

• US is largest country in the world
• China is rising
• Is war inevitable?
• Have been actual conflicts
  – US bombed Chinese embassy in 1999
  – US plane held hostage in China in 2001
  – Recent disputes over South China Sea
South China Sea

China’s Nine-dash Line


Graphic: RFA
US- China Relations

• Past – Tried to be friendly and help

• Present – Economic competition

• Future - ?
Q&A

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