



## - Beyond the Water's Edge -

# SPECIAL EDITION: The CCP's Domestic Threat to the United States

*Over the past five years, the threat from China has emerged as one of the few areas of bipartisan consensus in Washington, with politicians and national security experts on both sides of the aisle pushing for the United States to revamp its military & diplomatic posture to counter China in the Indo-Pacific.*

*The China challenge cannot be relegated solely to the foreign policy sphere. From cyber espionage & influence operations against elected officials to the fentanyl epidemic & the domination of critical technology supply chains, the Chinese Communist Party has carefully maneuvered to undermine American strength **at home** in addition to challenging U.S. leadership abroad.*

*What can leaders in Washington, state capitals, and across the country do to protect America from a unique threat both foreign & domestic in nature?*

## Honest Candor

### **Within Our Borders: The CCP's Silent Domestic Invasion**

Panel Discussion with TVC Advisory Board Member Jacqueline Deal, Brian Cavanaugh, Michael Ellis, and TVC Sr. Policy Director Amanda Rothschild | November 29, 2022

**Bottom Line:** The threat from China extends well beyond the traditional foreign policy realm—into trade & technology policy, drug enforcement, counter-espionage, and more. Leaders at the federal, state, and local levels need to work together to head off and counter CCP efforts to influence and undermine the United States at home as well as abroad.

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## **China is No. 1 Domestic National Security Threat and Biden Administration Won't Admit It**

Michael Ellis | Heritage Foundation | August 1, 2021

**Bottom Line:** Despite Beijing's increasingly brazen attempts to interfere in American politics, conduct economic espionage against U.S. companies, and run influence operations against Americans, the Biden administration bowed to pressure from progressive activists & shut down the Justice Department's "China Initiative".

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## **How China is Trying to Turn the U.S. Against Itself**

Nathan Picarsic & Emily de La Bruyère | Foundation for Defense of Democracies | November 23, 2021

**Bottom Line:** Beijing has developed a sophisticated approach to "using the local to surround the central." By targeting influence operations against officials and institutions at the state and local levels, the CCP can circumvent the President and Congress on issues of national security and exert political pressure on Washington through the states.

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## **China's Ally in Stealing Western IP: the United States**

Walter G. Copan | RealClear Policy | October 13, 2022

**Bottom Line:** China aims to usurp leading Western companies to dominate key economic & technological sectors. However, the U.S. government is working at cross purposes to itself—some agencies work to stem the tide of illicit tech transfers while at the same time others continue to treat China's "developing economy" with kid gloves.

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## **Espionage with Chinese Characteristics**

TVC Advisory Board Member Klon Kitchen | The Current | November 17, 2022

**Bottom Line:** The PRC's current programs to extract useful knowledge & technology from the West are the continuation of over a century of similar Chinese efforts dating to well before the Communist revolution. What remains unchanged, however, is Beijing's interest in acquiring know-how without Western values contaminating Chinese culture.

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## **U.S. Bans Gear From China's Huawei and ZTE Over Security Risk**

Barron's | November 25, 2022

**Bottom Line:** After years of ratcheting tensions & increasing restrictions, last week the U.S. government issued an order banning the import or sale of communications equipment from CCP-backed tech giants Huawei & ZTE on national security grounds.

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## **Incoming House Committee Chairs Accuse TikTok of Lying to Congress**

Jimmy Quinn | National Review | November 22, 2022

**Bottom Line:** When Republicans take control of the House of Representatives in January, they are highly likely to use their subpoena power to closely scrutinize what data TikTok collects on its American users and whether the company has been truthful in its representations to Congress.

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## **The Drug That's Killing Young Americans**

Interview with Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Gordon | PragerU | October 28, 2022

**Bottom Line:** Fentanyl is the number one cause of death for Americans aged 18-45. Although regulations imposed by Beijing have begun to alter the drug's supply chain, China remains central to the story of how fentanyl came to dominate the U.S. drug scene.

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