

# Anti-China Brainwashing Is the Fast-Track to War.

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*The United States has to have an enemy. **For the last seven years, the enemy has been Russia. Now the focus has shifted to China.** Take a look at these headlines on Google News and you'll see what I mean:*

- [Has America been too slow to wake up to the China threat?](#) Washington Examiner
- [Why is China a threat to the United States?](#) Quora
- [Is the US ready to address China's threats in time to make a difference?](#) The Hill
- [China and Russia are waging another Cold War — is the West up to the challenge?](#) The Hill
- [China secretly sends enough gear to Russia to equip an army.](#) Politico
- [Xi Jinping is Preparing China for War.](#) Newsweek

Get the picture? China is a bigtime threat to the United States. Forget that the US regularly sends its warships into the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait.

**Forget that the US has encircled China with military bases and missile systems.**

Forget that the US has sent multiple delegations to Taipei in violation of the "one-China" policy. Forget that the US arms and trains military personnel in the Taiwanese Army.

Forget that the US imposes unilateral tariffs on Chinese goods and sanctions Chinese businessmen. **Forget that the US has implemented the most draconian blockade on advanced semiconductors in history. Forget that the US is building anti-China coalitions across the region.**

Forget all of these things because—according to the geniuses in the mainstream media—China is the problem, China is the threat, and China is the country that is pushing the world towards war.

Does anyone believe this nonsense? Here's how columnist Bradley Blankenship summed it up in an article at RT:

The US national security state has exploited deep ideological biases in the media and is bankrolling countless think tanks, non-governmental organizations, and academic programs to churn out constant anti-China propaganda. [Self-Reinforcing Propaganda](#), RT



In other words, the USG is working with its allies in the media to saturate the airwaves with anti-China blather in order to convince Americans that China is the source of the problem. That's how the government shapes public perception and lays the groundwork for war. Check out this excerpt from an article at The Diplomat:

**A key feature of mainstream Western media today is the relentless China-bashing. It is off the charts** and tiring, often involving regurgitated trivia or fabricated stories with no evidence to support callous statements about the country, demonstrating a deep lack of understanding. But such stories continue to be churned out with no end in sight.

Countering this in international media by offering more balanced views for a global audience is near impossible as censorship is rife. **There almost seems to be a global compact to control the narrative, a propaganda war powered by today's digital technology....**

Typically, the negative stories adhere to three core ideas, which inform the unspoken

guidelines within these press rooms when it comes to reporting on China.

**First is the belief that China is a threat to the world and that this belief must be relentlessly reinforced at every available opportunity.** How and why China is a threat is never explored; such is the deep-rooted and almost religious nature of the belief. Sound arguments do not matter. The basic tenets of good journalism are ignored when it comes to a China story. There is no need to explain or give evidence of why China is a global threat. [Anti-China Rhetoric Is Off the Charts in Western Media](#), The Diplomat

**China poses no threat to the West**, in fact, China has never invaded another country in its 70 year-long history. Compare that to Washington's unbroken record of violence around the world. Here's a brief recap

**The United States launched at least 251 military interventions between 1991 and 2022.** This is according to a report by the Congressional Research Service, a US government institution that compiles information on behalf of Congress. The report documented another 218 US military interventions from 1798 to 1990.

**That makes for a total of 469 US military interventions since 1798 that have been acknowledged by the Congress.... The list of countries targeted by the US military includes the vast majority of the nations on Earth**, including almost every single country in Latin America and the Caribbean and most of the African continent.

The Military Intervention Project at Tufts University's Center for Strategic Studies has documented even more foreign meddling.

**"The US has undertaken over 500 international military interventions since 1776, with nearly 60% undertaken between 1950 and 2017,"** the project wrote. "What's more, over one-third of these missions occurred after 1999."

The Military Intervention Project added: **"With the end of the Cold War era**, we would expect the US to decrease its military interventions abroad, assuming lower threats and interests at stake. But **these patterns reveal the opposite - the US has increased its military involvements abroad."**

[US launched 251 military interventions since 1991, and 469 since 1798](#), Geopolitical Economy

China	US
<p>Initiated</p> <p><b>0</b> <b>conflict</b></p> <p>for 70+ years since the founding of the PRC, not even a proxy war.</p>	<p>Waged</p> <p><b>201</b> <b>wars</b></p> <p>proxy wars included. <b>Only 16 years of its</b> <b>240+ years of history</b> <b>saw no warfare.</b></p>

And which country is the “greatest threat to world peace”? China?

Not even close. Take a look:

**The U.S. emerged as the greatest threat to world peace**, followed by Pakistan and China, in the End of Year global survey conducted by WIN/Gallup International across 65 countries in the world.

**Of more than 66,000 people surveyed the world over, 24% of respondents believed that the U.S. was the greatest threat to world peace.** Pakistan and China got eight and six percent of the votes respectively while Iran, Israel, North Korea and Afghanistan tied for fourth place with four percent of the votes.

[The U.S. Is The Biggest Threat To World Peace](#), BuzzFeed

So, maybe, China is not the biggest threat, after all? Is that what we’re saying?

Indeed, China is not a threat to the United States, in fact, China’s highest ideal is “peaceful development.” Think about that for a minute: Development without war. Is it even possible?

It is possible, and the US and China should work together to make it happen. **There’s no reason why the world’s two biggest economies cannot work together on the shared goals of economic integration, state-of-the-art infrastructure and poverty reduction. We need leaders who will embrace collaboration and cooperation not exacerbate divisions and confrontation.** We need to strengthen relations with China not look for ways vilify, coerce or bully them.

Unfortunately—as we all know—the western “rules-based order” is controlled by

**billionaire oligarchs who bitterly oppose nationalistic leaders who cherish their own sovereign independence and act in the interests of their own people.** They won't allow that. Western elites believe that all material wealth and power should be in private hands (not public hands) which is why they are determined to provoke a war with China, so the matter can be resolved militarily. In short, the conflict with China is shaping-up to be a nuclear cage-match between "the globalists and the nationalists".

The West's greatest asset in this struggle is the media whose propaganda helps to garner the public support the elites need to drive the country to war. Regrettably, the plan appears to be working. For example, in 2018 a mere 4 in 10 Americans saw China's rise as a threat to US vital interests. (The Chicago Council on Global Affairs) Compare those results to the recent survey at Gallup which showed that **"66% of U.S. adults consider (China) to be a critical threat to the vital interests of the U.S"**.

In just 4 years the media has persuaded a majority of Americans that China poses a clear threat to the United States. How can one explain these results other than pointing to the pernicious impact of state propaganda used to poison the minds of Americans against Washington's biggest economic rival?

Here's more from Gallup:

In addition to holding a largely unfavorable opinion of China, more **Americans name China as the United States' greatest enemy than any other nation by a wide margin.** This view is closely linked to two other measures in the poll, which find that **Americans broadly believe China's military and economic powers represent a "critical threat" to the United States' vital interests** in the next decade. ["Record-Low 15% of Americans View China Favorably"](#), Gallup

"China's military is a critical threat" to the US? Is that really what Americans think?

And where exactly has China's military been deployed in the last 30 years: Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Iraq?

**No, for the last 7 decades China's military has remained in China.**

China has invaded no one and certainly has no intention to do so in the future. **Americans have no reason to fear China. What they need to fear is the deranged neocons who send US warships into the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea, 8,000 miles from the United States.** That's who they should fear, because that is a deliberate provocation aimed at triggering a war.

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center appeared to show that public opinion of China has dropped dramatically in 24 countries. But a closer look at the survey shows just the opposite, in fact, Pew helps to prove the point we have been trying to make here, which is, that the countries most dominated by the western media are more likely to have "unfavorable" views of China. It's not a coincidence. Here's how Blankenship summed it up:

The agency polled adults in 24 countries; there are 193 United Nations member states, which indicates that it does not show any serious global trend purely based on its methodology. There is also a strong selection bias for high-income countries and American allies. However, some **middle-income and poorer countries were polled and the data reveals what many know to be true - the Global South largely**

**has favorable views of China.**

For example, the **Pew survey found that countries such as Kenya (72%), Nigeria (80%) and Mexico (57%) hold favorable views of China...** Since poorer countries are the beneficiaries of bilateral cooperation with China, including on the Beijing-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), it is natural that they would have a higher opinion of Beijing. **Pew, however, mostly did not select countries with high-level strategic cooperation with Beijing....**

there has been a steady downward trend fully in line with American foreign policy, e.g., after 2012 with former President Barack Obama's 'Pivot to Asia', the Trump trade war, and whatever it is that the current administration of President Joe Biden is doing. **The US national security state has exploited deep ideological biases in the media and is bankrolling countless think tanks, non-governmental organizations, and academic programs to churn out constant anti-China propaganda....**

There is a definitive and ongoing battle for hearts and minds between China and the US, and so-called 'China experts' are the Americans' foot soldiers whether they realize it or not. And there are only bound to be more systemic incentives for China hawks in the future considering members of the US Congress keep introducing legislation, like the Senate 'Countering Chinese Propaganda Act' or the House '**Countering the PRC Malign Influence Fund Authorization Act**', which would see hundreds of millions spent on negative news coverage against China. Both of these bills have been absorbed into the House and Senate's versions of the America COMPETES Act, which have passed in both chambers but are awaiting minor changes before becoming law. [Self-reinforcing propaganda: A new poll shows people dislike China, but there's a catch](#), Bradley Blankenship, RT

So—even though a majority of Americans already believe that China is their enemy—Congress wants to spend “hundreds of millions more” to intensify the media's indoctrination campaign to ensure that **any critical thinking person who believes the US should pursue a policy of peaceful engagement with China will be denounced as a coward, a traitor and a puppet of Xi Jinping.**



This is the scenario we'll be facing if we don't find a candidate who will break with the war-mongering consensus and craft a policy that focuses on a long-term accommodation with China that circumvents a catastrophic confrontation. Avoiding World War 3 should be our top priority.

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