Five Things to Know About China

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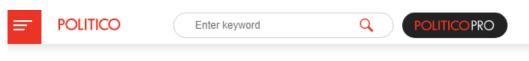
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Biden, Xi Open Talks on Friendly Note, With Tough Topics Ahead

Chinese leader says he wants nations to 'coexist in peace'; Biden says their responsibility is to avoid conflict

"China and the United States should respect each other, coexist peacefully, and cooperate for a win-win situation. I would like to work with Mr. President to form a consensus and take positive actions to lead the positive development of China-US relations. This is the need for the benefit of the people of the two countries and the expectation of the international community."

President Xi Jinping, November 15, 2021



China suspends climate talks with US

Move comes after Beijing announced sanctions on top US Democrat Nancy Pelosi.



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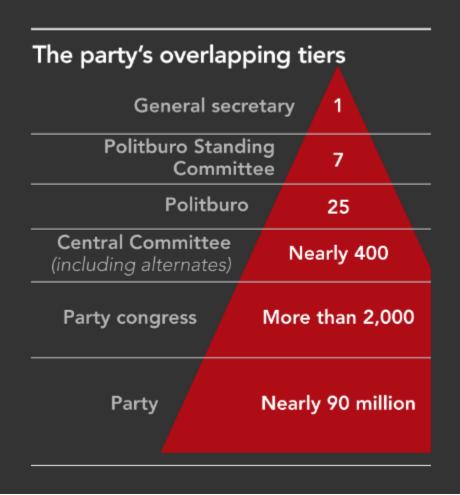
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The powerful 'China Seven': The pinnacle of an 89 million-member party

The Chinese Communist Party is the world's largest political party; it had more than 89.4 million members at the end of 2016. The membership is larger than the population of Germany.

A key organ within the party is the Central Committee, which has more than 200 members. Under them are some 170 alternate members. Important decisions are made during Politburo meetings as well as at Politburo Standing Committee meetings convened by the general secretary.

Currently, the Politburo Standing Committee, the party's supreme leadership circle, has seven members. These seven are also among the 25 Politburo members. Politburo members hold power equivalent to vice premier.





Politburo members





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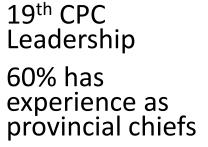
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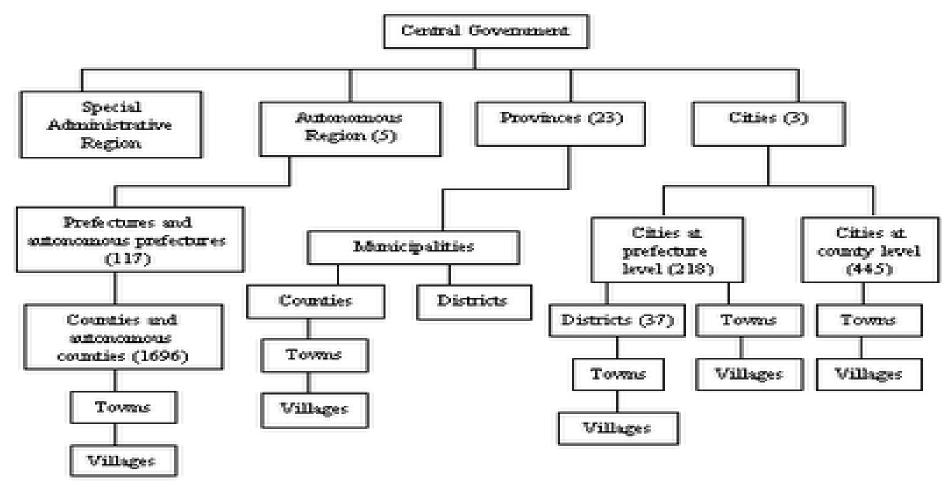
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China's Governance Hierarchy

2000 yrs of imperial history - huge legacies on governance structure the only exception: emperor replaced by central government

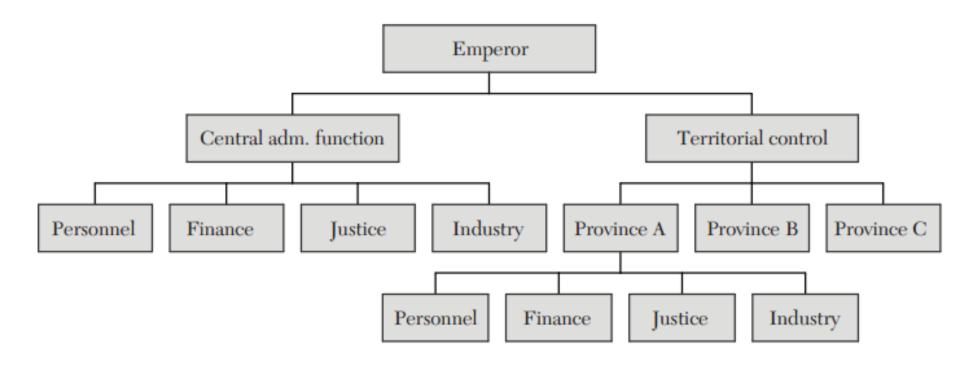


Figure 3. Stylized Governance Structure of Imperial China

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China's Regional Decentralized Authoritarian (RDA) Regime

China's Political-Economic Institutions and Development Chenggang Xu

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| | China's RDA regime | Soviet system | Federal State |
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| Composition of national decision-making body | Central, regional and ministerial officials | Central and ministerial officials | Federal legislature representing regional constituencies |
| Decision-making process | Central-regional bargain- ing; consensus building; local experiments as a strategy | Top-down; SOE-Ministry bargaining | Voting in legislation; federal-state bargaining |
| Subnational officials' incentives | Promotion: absolute and relative performance; accountable to superiors; personnel control | Promotion: absolute performance; accountable to superiors; personnel control | To be elected; independent from the federal government; accountable to local constituencies |
| Regional competition | Tournament-like competition; competition affects governor's promotion | Not important | Fiscal (Tiebout) competition; competition affects governor's re-election |
| Regional experiment | Local experiments as part of central decision-making; experimental results may become national policy | Not important | States are "laboratories" for policy; voluntary adoption of experiments by states |

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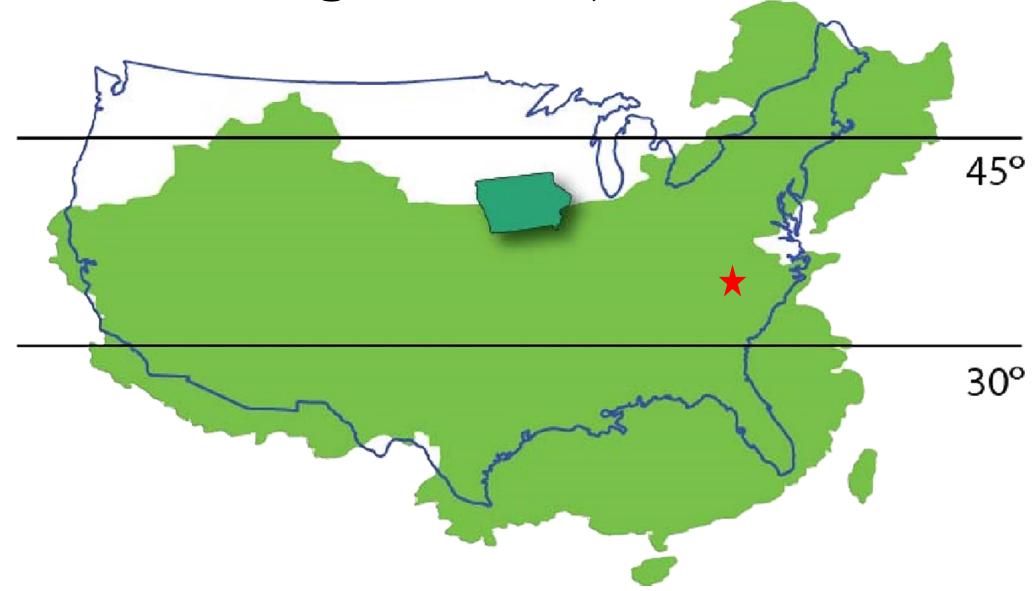
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| Age 65 | | -0.974*** (-5.27) | | -0.976*** (-5.25) | -0.303** (2.07) | -0.303** (2.07) |
| Education | | 0.154 (0.96) | | 0.187 (1.17) | 0.183 (1.48) | 0.184 (1.50) |
| Central connection | | 0.384*** (2.79) | | 0.404*** (2.89) | 0.082 (0.74) | 0.085 (0.77) |

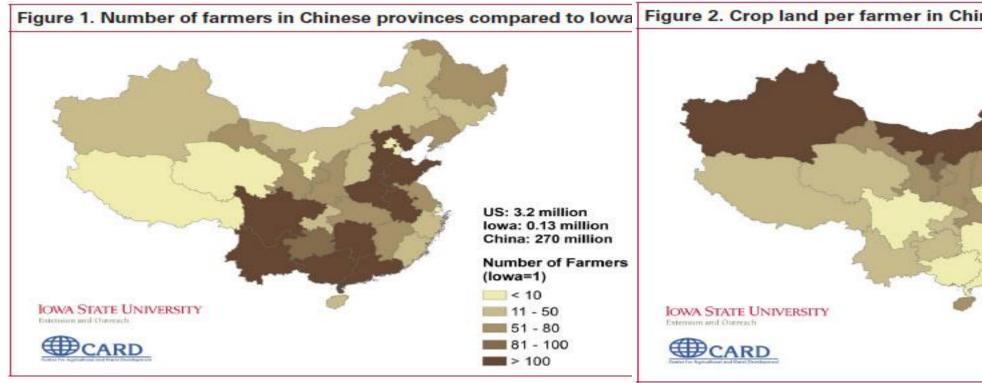
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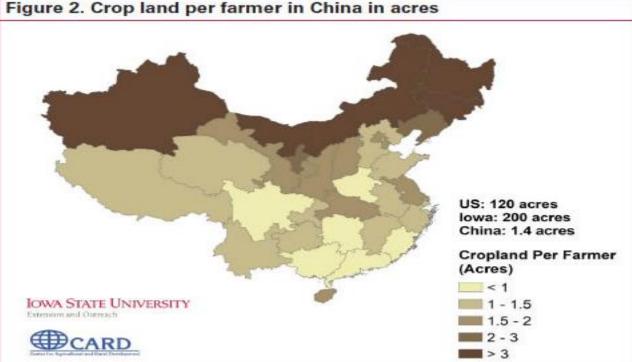
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3. Commodity Agriculture is Comparative Advantage for U.S., not China

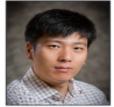


Ag is comparative advantage for US, not for China





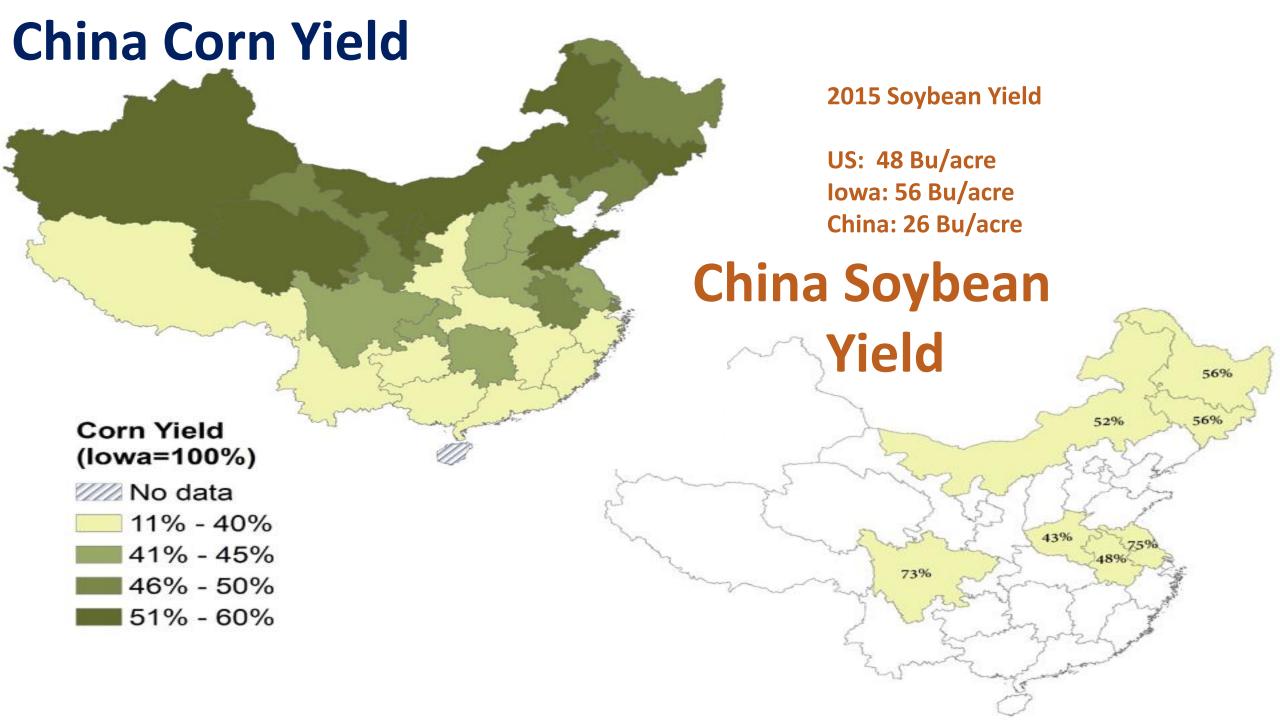
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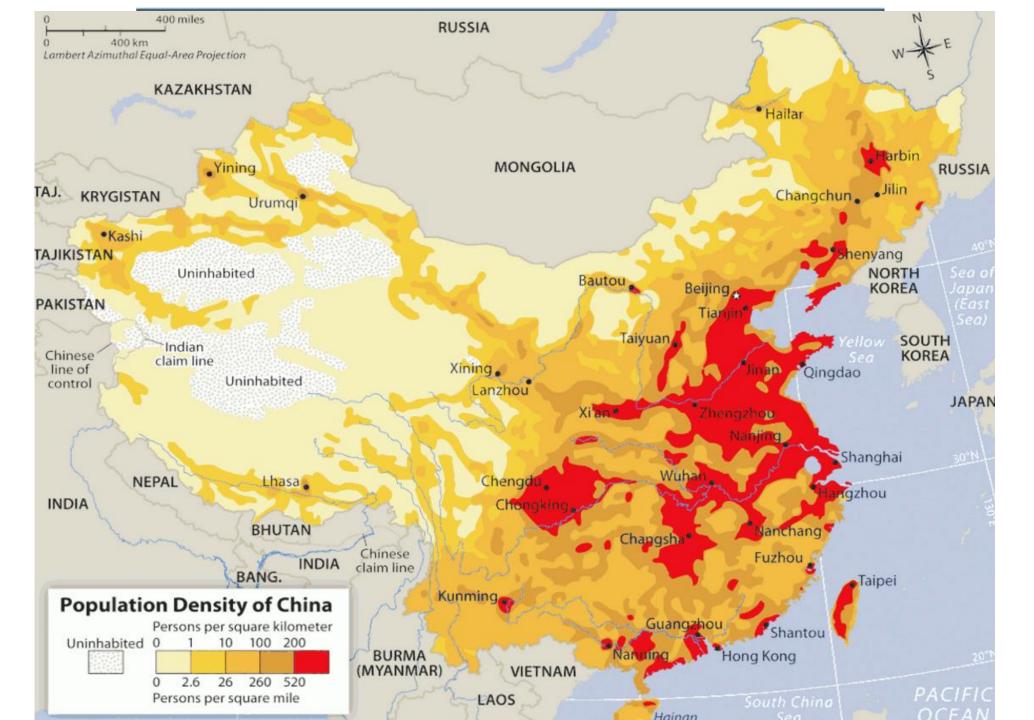




Navigating the Chinese agricultural economy through the lens of Iowa

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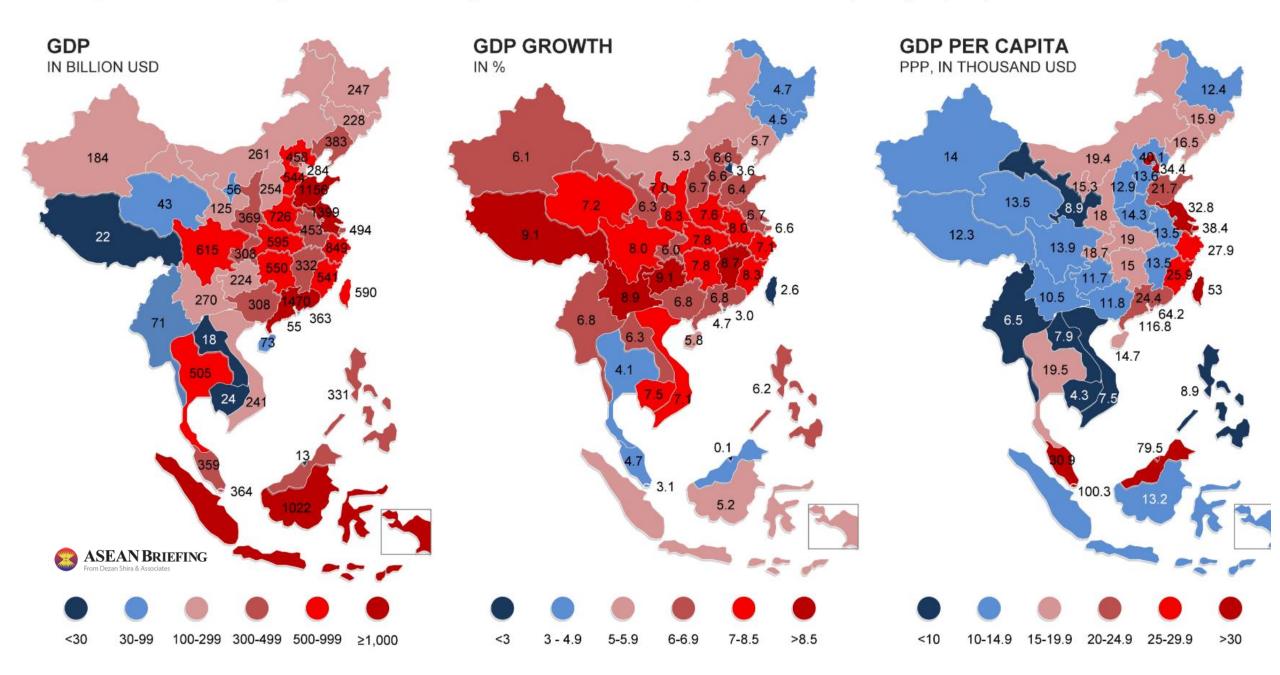
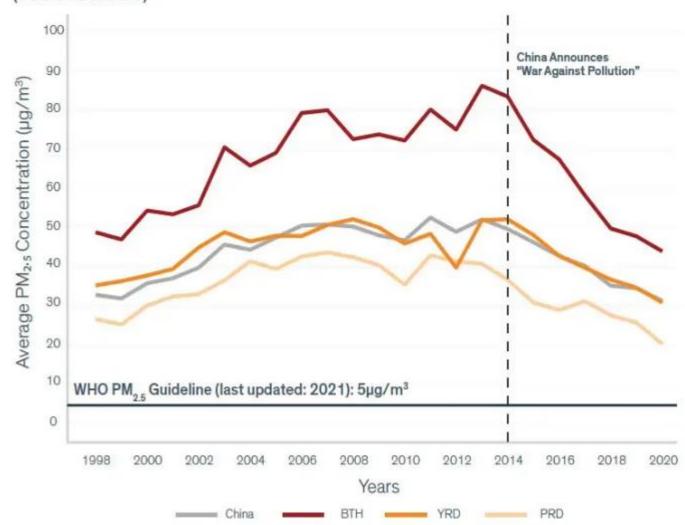
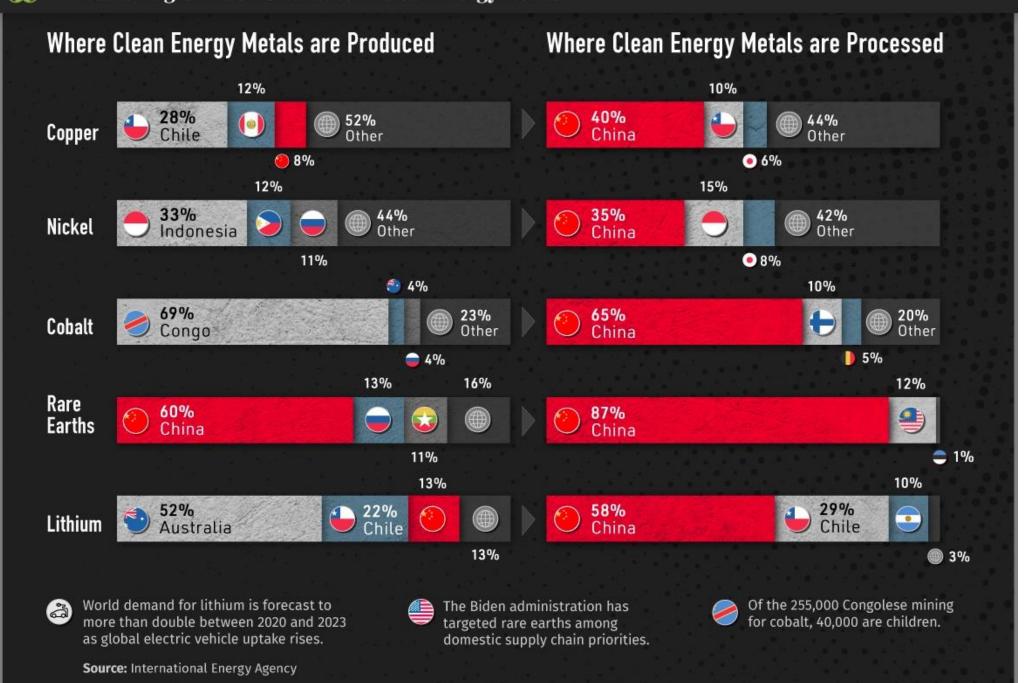


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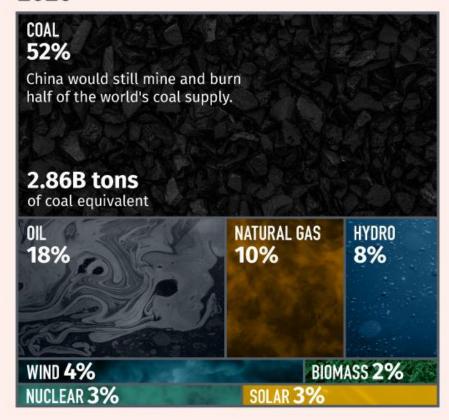
CHINA HAS AN AMBITIOUS PLAN TO COMPLETELY CHANGE ITS ENERGY MIX AND REDUCE ITS CARBON EMISSIONS.

This graphic uses data from Tsinghua University's Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, which details how the world's largest consumer of energy expects to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.

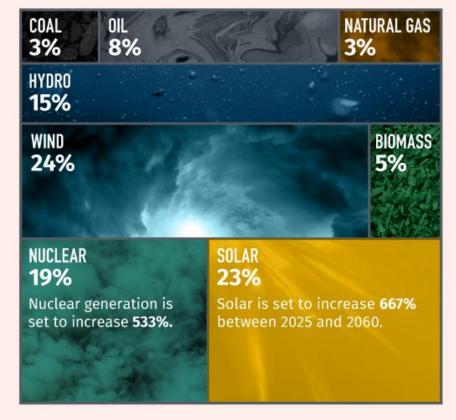


CHINA'S EVOLVING ENERGY MIX

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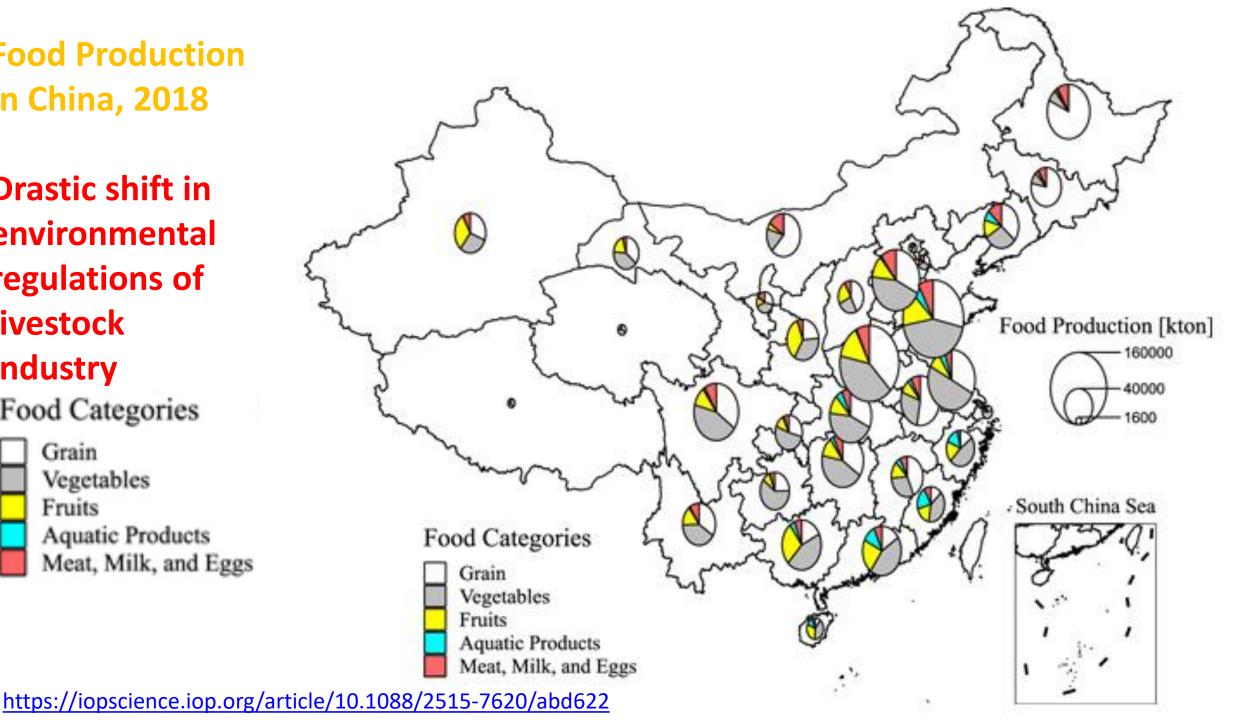
Place matters!

 Beijing's blue sky is in part tied to relocation of dirtier industries to nearby provinces **Food Production** in China, 2018

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Food Categories

Grain Vegetables Fruits Aquatic Products Meat, Milk, and Eggs



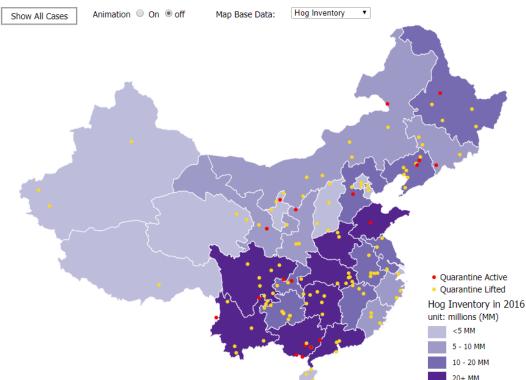
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African Swine Fever Cases in China (Mainland)

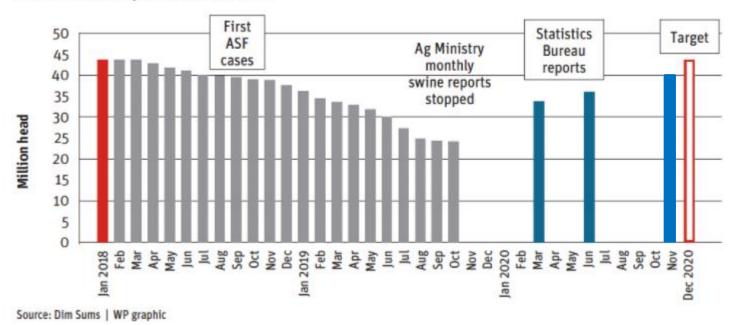
Swine Fever



HOG RECOVERY

China is rapidly rebuilding its sow herd, according to Chinese government statistics. China's Statistics Bureau estimates inventory at 36.3 million at the end of June 2020. The goal is to be at pre-African swine fever levels of 43.9 million head by the end of 2020.

China sow inventory numbers, 2018-2020



Large Hog Companies Gain from China's Ongoing African Chen-Ti Chen, Tao Xiong, and Wendong Zhang

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By Stephen M. Lepore For Dailymail.Com 15:57 EDT 23 Jul 2022, updated 21:12 EDT 23 Jul 2022









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AFIDA Cropland holdings

| Country | Holdings (acres) |
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| Canada | 3,860,595 |
| Italy | 1,672,283 |
| Portugal | 794,067 |
| Germany | 603,871 |
| United Kingdom | 601,886 |

AFIDA total land holdings

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| Canada | 12,361,087 |
| Netherlands | 4,944,700 |
| Italy | 2,702,871 |
| United Kingdom | 2,329,952 |
| Germany | 2,063,406 |



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a. US-China tariff rates toward each other and rest of world (ROW)



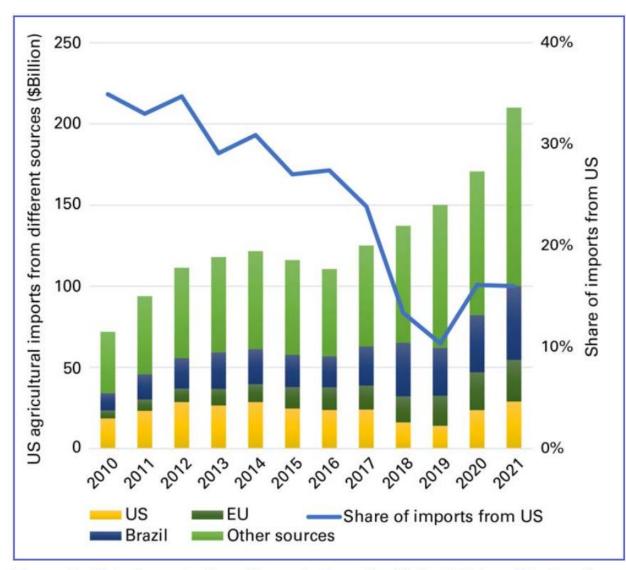


Figure 3. China's agricultural imports from the United States, EU, Brazil, and other sources.

Source: China's General Administration of Customs (2022).

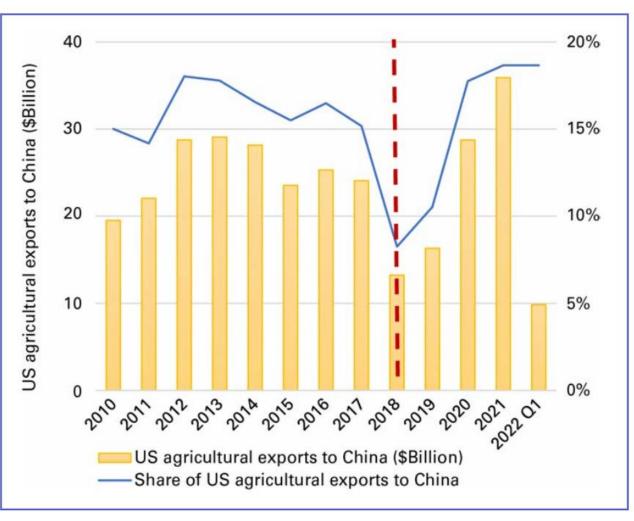
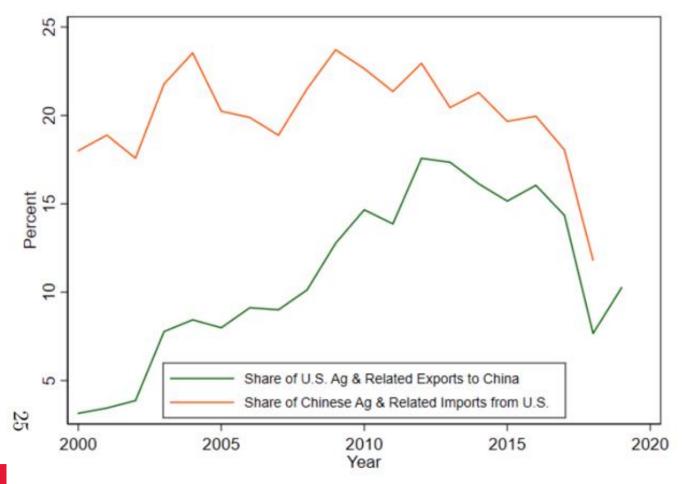


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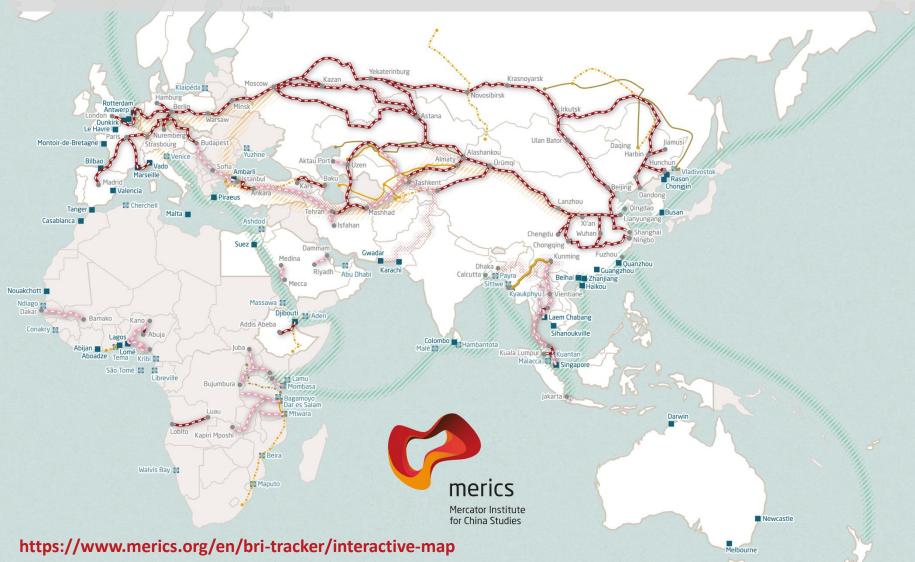
Source: USDA GATS (2022). Data in 2022 is for the first quarter.

China's Diversification away from U.S. began well before 2018, and got accelerated from the trade war





What remains unchanged after COVID-19: Chinese continued overseas investment & diversification through BRI



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BELT AND ROAD

China-Laos high-speed railway set to roll through COVID cloud

Southeast Asian country's rising infections reduce pomp of Friday's launch













The China-Laos bullet train will compress what is normally a two-day road trek through rugged mountain terrain into a brisk three hours or so. © CCTV/Reuters

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Belt and Road Initiative Still Going

the \$6 billion project in the land-locked country.



The track from Vientiane to Boten, a northern frontier town along the Laos-China border, will compress what is normally a two-day road trek through rugged mountain terrain into a brisk three hours or so. The Lane Xang, as the bullet train has been named after an ancient Laotian kingdom, will travel through 75 tunnels and across 167 bridges at a speed of up to 160 kph.

China High Speed Railway Map (Click to Enlarge)

High Speed Rail

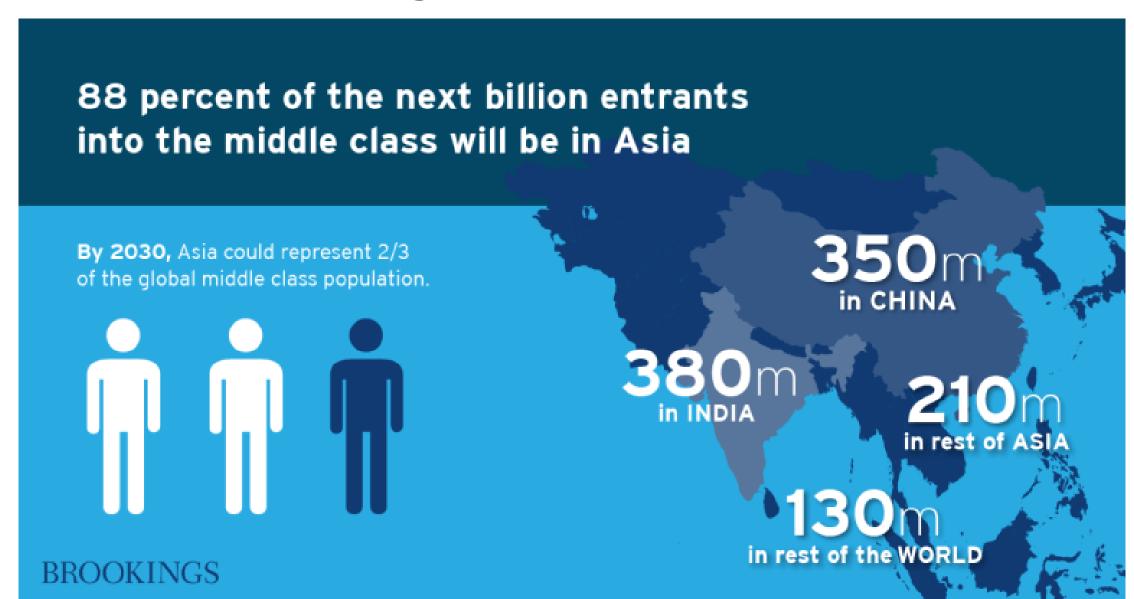
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China is a Country of Rapid Change

"四横四纵"国家冷链物流骨干通道网络布局示意图

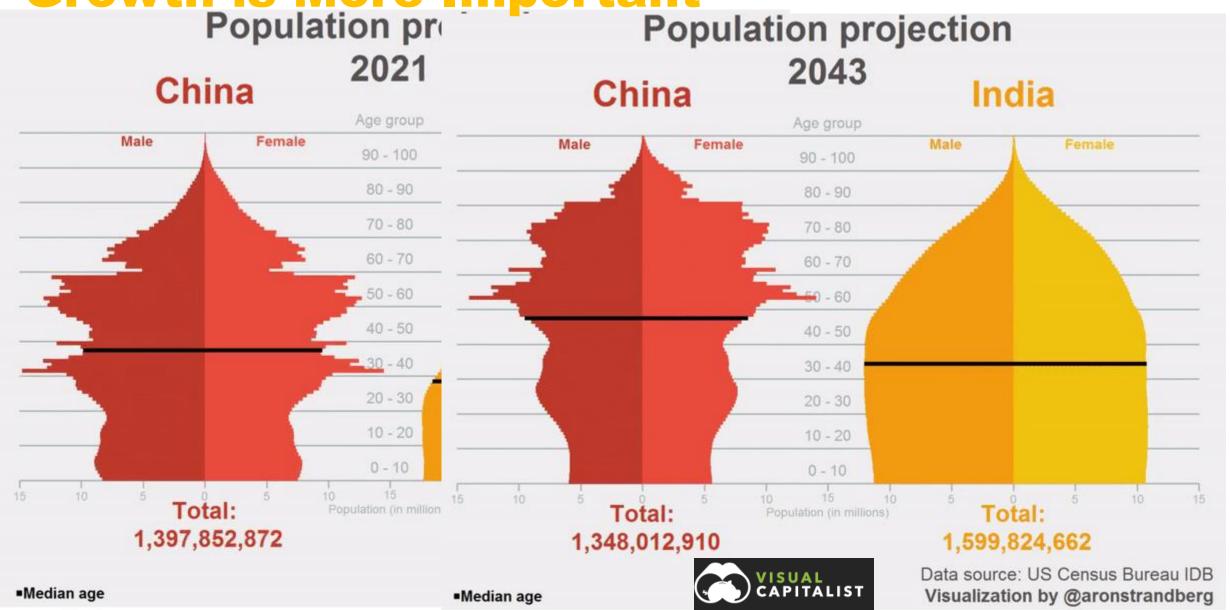


5. Do Not Underestimate the Resilience of Chinese Economy

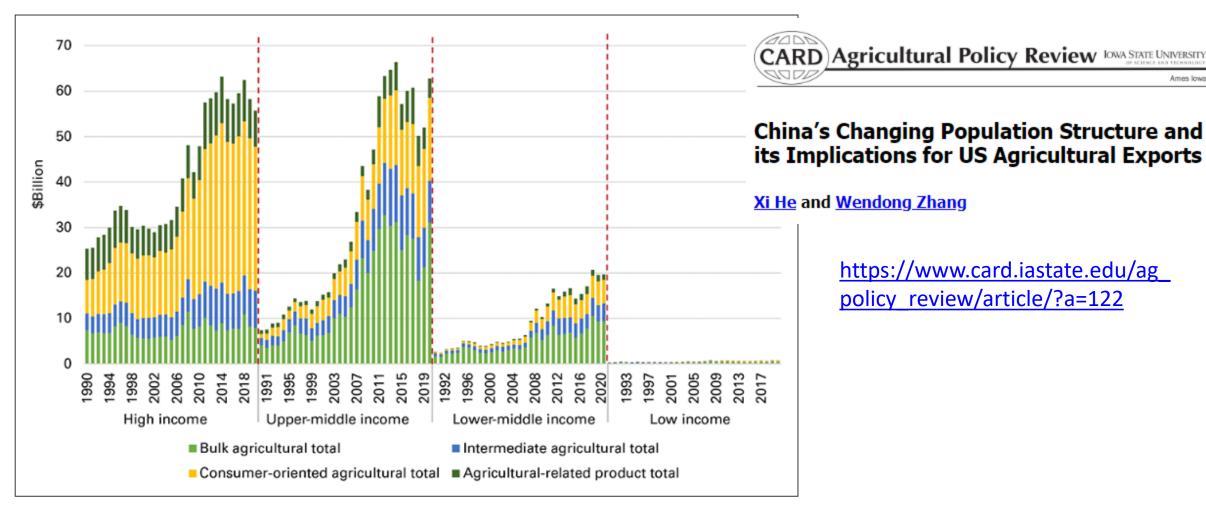


Chinese Population is Aging, but Income

Growth is More Important
Population pro Pop



States. Figure 2 illustrates US exports of four agricultural categories—bulk (e.g., corn, soybeans, wheat), intermediate (e.g., soybean meal and soybean oil), consumer-oriented (e.g., pork and beef products), and agriculture-related products (e.g., seafood and forestry products)—to high-income, upper-middle-income, lowermiddle-income, and low-income countries from 1990 to 2020.



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Figure 2. US exports of agricultural commodities to countries with different income levels.

Note: Based on data from USDA GATS (2021). We use World Bank's classification to classify countries into different income groups and use USDA's definition of agricultural products and classification of agricultural product categories.

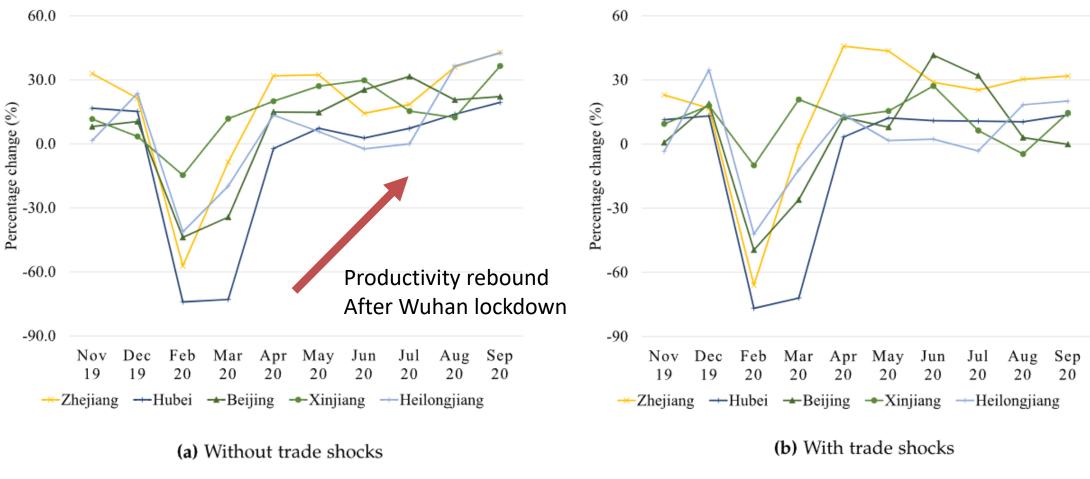


Fig. 2 Labor productivity shock estimates in five typical provinces with and without trade shocks (%)

Chinese economy is still resilient

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Chinese agriculture is increasingly market-oriented

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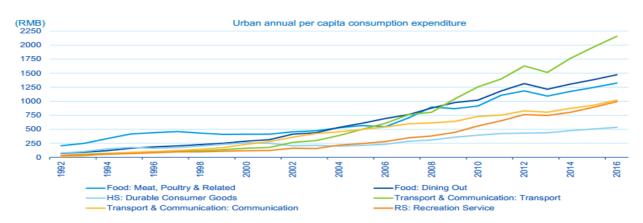


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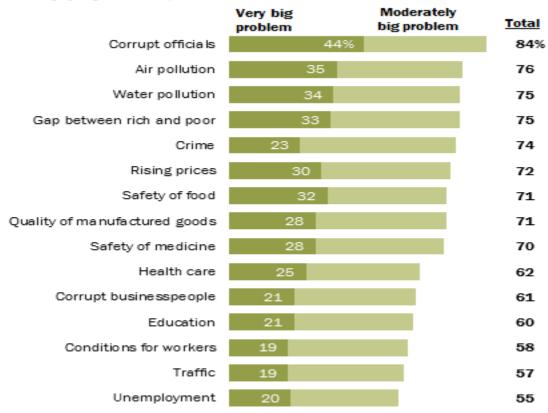
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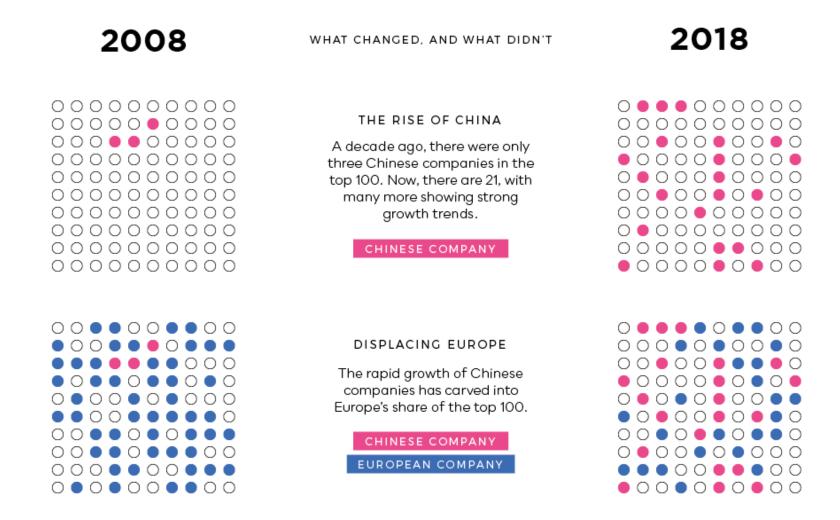


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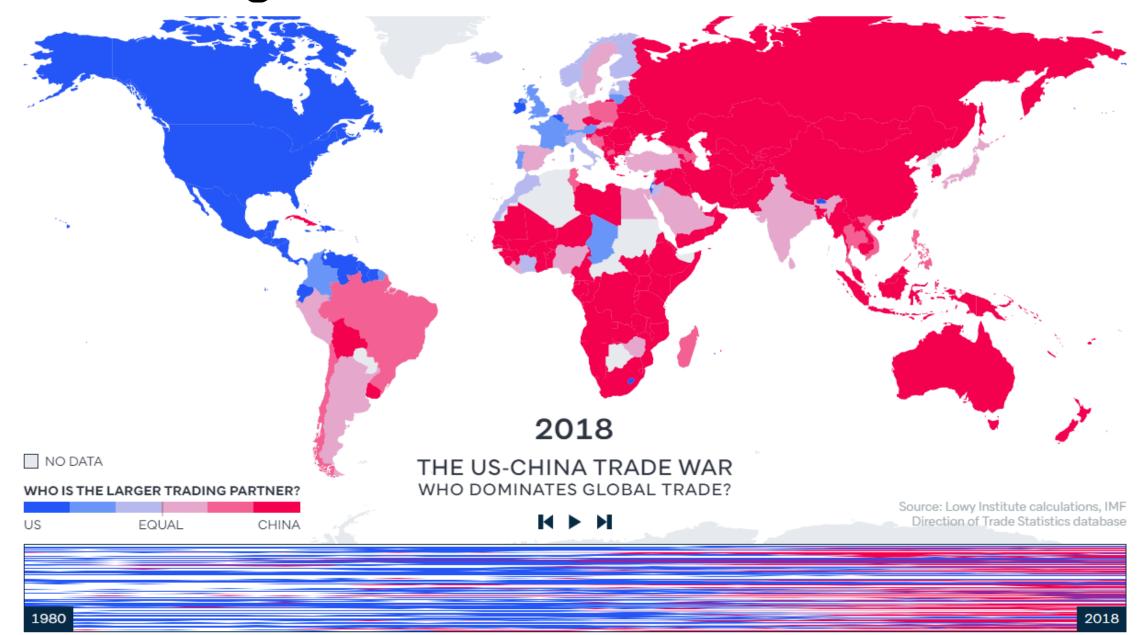
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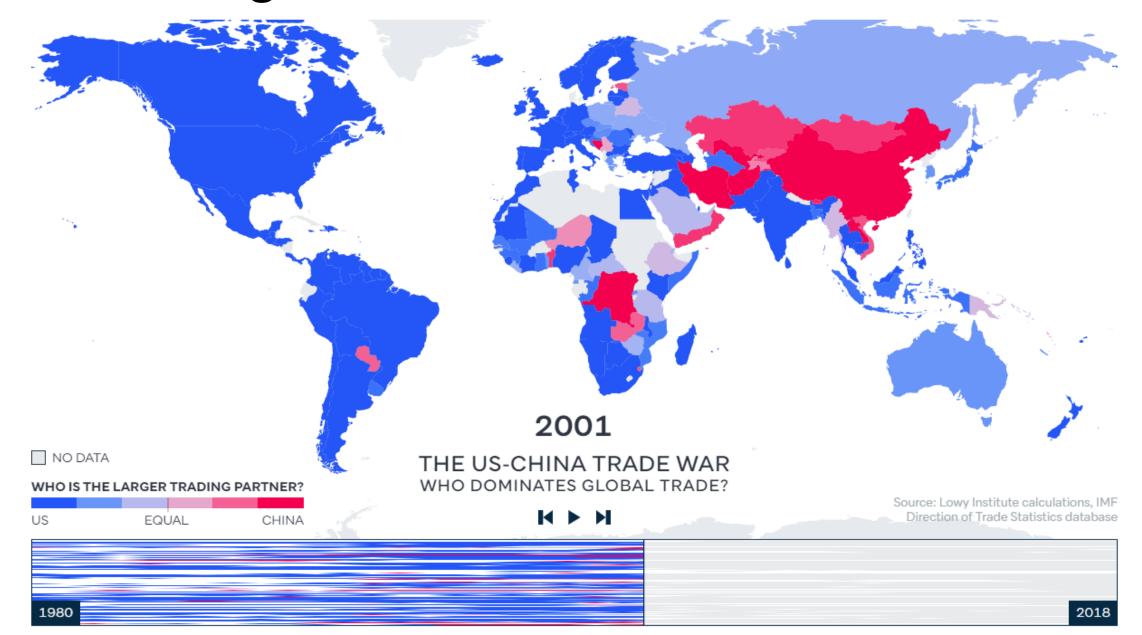


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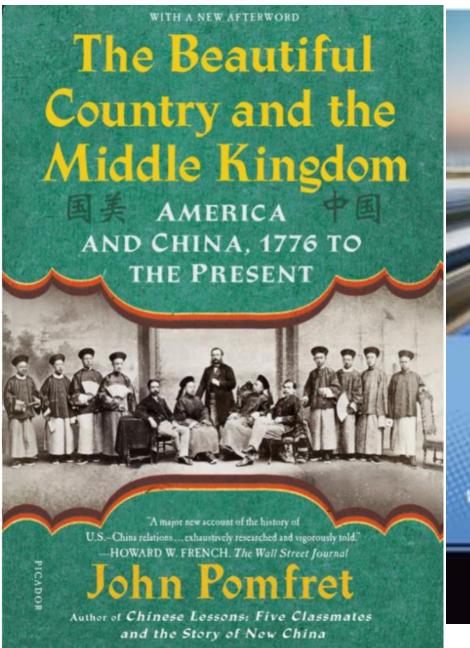
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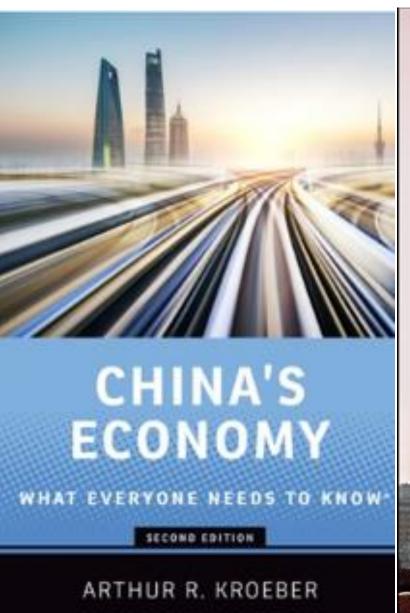


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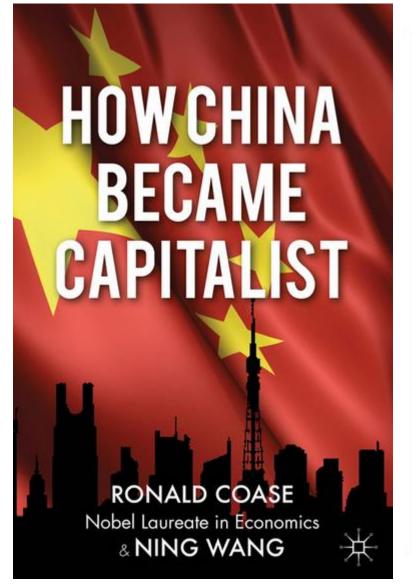
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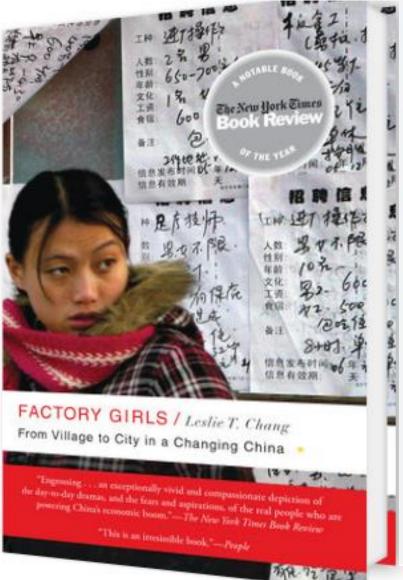


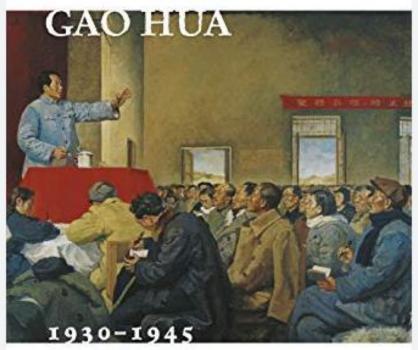


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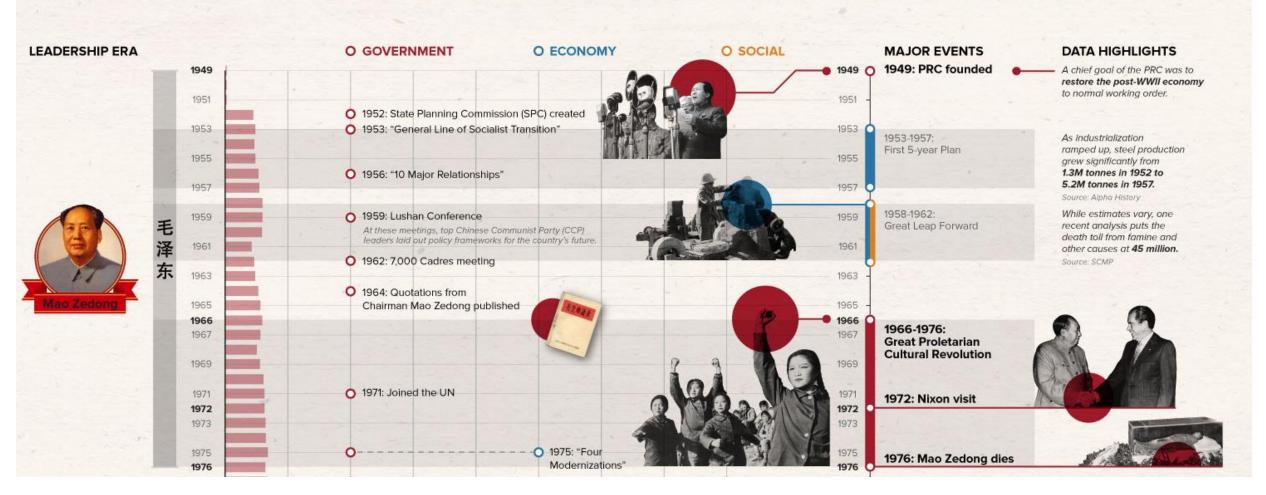
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YEARS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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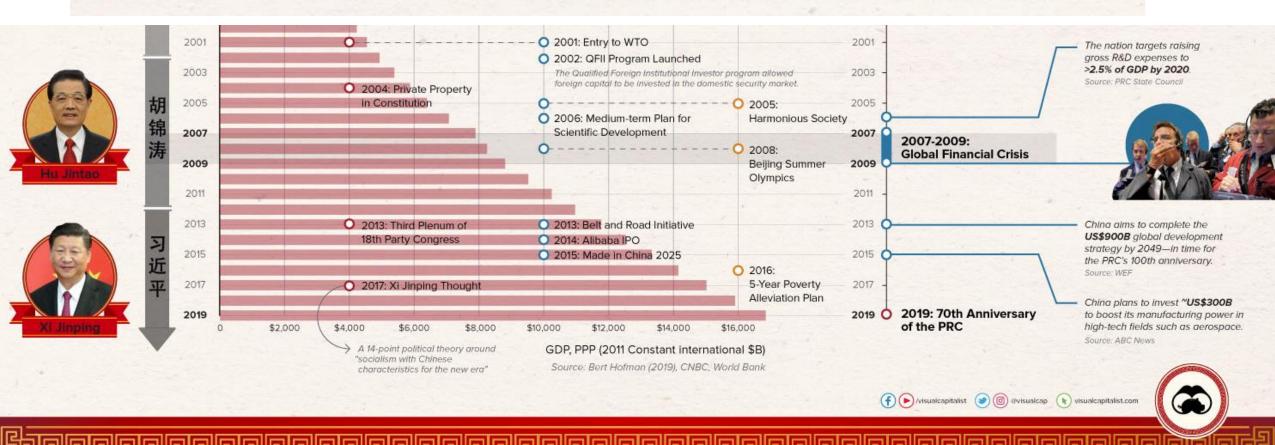
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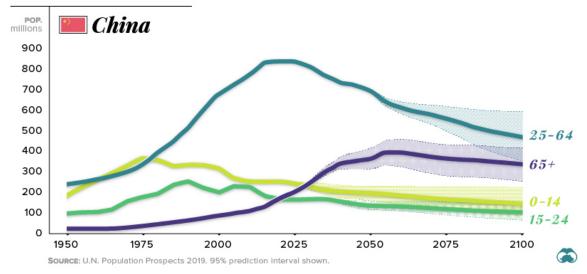
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China: Aftermath of the One-Child Policy

China's one-child policy was implemented in 1979 — and although it became no longer effective starting in 2016, there's no doubt that the long-term demographic impacts of this drastic measure will be felt for generations:

POPULATION BY BROAD AGE GROUPS



The first thing you'll notice in the above chart is that China's main working age population cohort (25-64 years) has essentially already peaked in size.

A New Demographic Era Ahead

Going forward, China's population may cease to be a strength that contributes to rapid economic growth.

In the wake of the infamous one child policy, the country could soon by dealing with the <u>demographic time bomb</u> of a rapidly aging population.

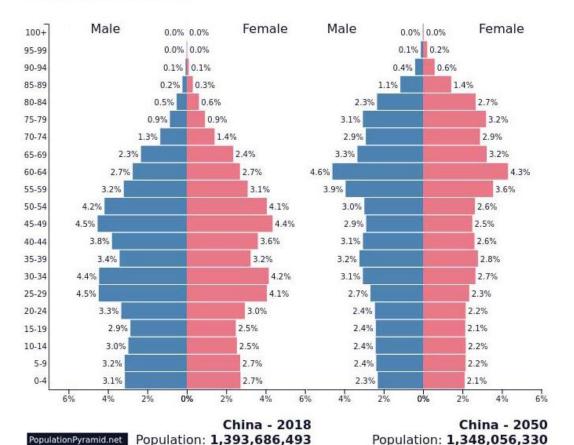


Table 1. Comparisons of Chinese, Japanese, and U.S. GDP and Per Capita GDP in Nominal U.S. Dollars and a Purchasing Power Parity Basis: 2018

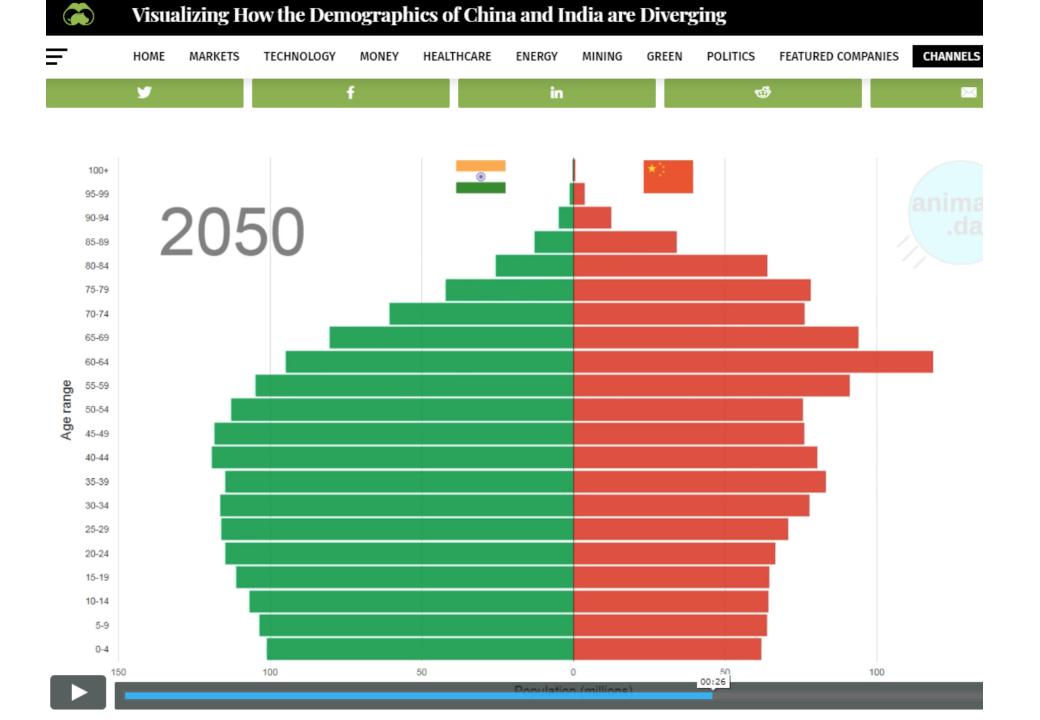
| | China | United States |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Nominal GDP (\$ billions) | 13,407 | 20,494 |
| GDP in PPP (\$ billions) | 25,270 | 20,494 |
| Nominal Per Capita GDP (\$) | 9,608 | 62,606 |
| Per Capita GDP in PPP (\$) | 18,110 | 62,606 |

Source: IMF, World Economic Forum.

The Decline and Rise of China's Economy

According to a study by economist Angus Maddison, China was the world's largest economy in 1820, accounting for an estimated 32.9% of global GDP. However, foreign and civil wars, internal strife, weak and ineffective governments, natural disasters (some of which were man-made), and distortive economic policies caused China's share of global GDP on a PPP basis to shrink significantly. By 1952, China's share of global GDP had fallen to 5.2%, and by 1978, it slid to 4.9%. The adoption of economic reforms by China in the late 1970s led to a surge in China's economic growth and helped restore China as a major global economic power.

Source: The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Chinese Economic Performance in the Long Run, 960-2030*, by Angus Maddison, 2007.



China's Hukou System⁹¹

First introduced in 1951, the Chinese Hukou (household registration) system is a categorization of its citizens based on both their place of residence and eligibility for certain socioeconomic benefits. Hukou is issued through a registration process administered by local authorities and solidified into inheritable social identities. 92 The classification of the system is composed by two related parts: socioeconomic eligibility (agriculture/nonagriculture); and residential location (living in urban/rural areas). The Chinese government imposed the system with the purpose of regulating population distribution, especially in regard to cities. Since economic reforms were begun in 1979, hundreds of millions of people have been allowed to leave their home towns to work in urban areas, such as Shanghai. The number of rural laborers working in China's cities was 274 million in 2014, over one-third (36%) of the total workforce.93 Although such workers are allowed to reside in the cities where they work, they are generally denied access to social entitlements, such as pensions, medical insurance, and basic education for children. This forces such workers to save a very high level of their income to pay for these services. Due to China's desire to increase the urbanization of its population, combat demographic disparities, and boost domestic consumption, the Chinese government is currently considering implementing new reforms to the Hukou system.

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