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China's Global Dominance!

With its thriving economy, cutting-edge technology, and powerful military, China is vying for a global role to outperform the US and be in a position to shape the course of world events according to its whims and fancies. However, American and other western scholars have different perspectives on this. Some academics already believe that “China’s rise” is unsustainable and that predictions of its triumphs in the world are greatly exaggerated. Others, however, advocate waging trade wars and engaging in military conflicts in the Taiwan Strait or the South China Sea to show a tough face to an arrogant Beijing. Others still think that the West is about to enter a protracted period of conflict known as the New Cold War. There are also those who believe that the rough-spoken and cack-handed attempts to revive a militarily and fiscally overburdened America will unintentionally aid China in achieving its goal of achieving global dominance.

Beijing’s ruling elite no longer holds Deng Xiaoping’s era of “crossing rivers by feeling for stones” in high regard; instead, they affirm their faith in Xi Jinping’s fearless “crossings of oceans.” Many academics believe that China’s newfound global role is consistent with the Confucian principle of “all under one heaven,” and central to this, they contend, is that China is a growing power with the potential to become a big power. They praise China for its role as a force for moral, economic, and political good throughout the world.

Concerns about China’s struggle for global supremacy have arisen in recent decades as a result of its growing economic and geopolitical influence. With its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which serves as a prominent example of its global ambitions, the nation has quickly grown to be one of the largest economies in the world and a significant player in global trade and investment. In addition to border tensions with India and territorial disputes with neighbouring nations, such as those in the South China Sea, China’s efforts to enlarge its sphere of influence can also be seen in the country’s growing military power and assertiveness in international affairs.

With the second-largest economy in the world, a GDP of over \$15 trillion (as of 2021), and a significant trading relationship with other nations, China has grown to be a significant player in world politics in terms of both its economic and military might as well as its diplomatic influence. China has taken a significant role in organizations like the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank as a result of its rise as a major economic power in the world. With over 2 million active soldiers and a developing navy and air force, China has the largest standing army in the world. China’s military has been modernizing recently, with a focus on enhancing capabilities in fields like cyberwarfare, space exploration, and missile technology.

China’s foreign policy goals and strategic interests, which are closely related to its domestic priorities and economic growth, influence global geopolitics. China’s pursuit of economic growth and its strategic goals in global trade, investment, infrastructure, and financial power are what drive its global geo-economics. In the years to come, international relations and economic trends are likely to be significantly influenced by China’s global geo-economics as it continues to become a major global power.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a key element of China’s global geopolitics, aims to increase the country’s economic influence by developing infrastructure and funding projects in nations that are located along the historic Silk Road trade routes as well as in other areas like Africa and Latin America. The BRI has drawn criticism for being a debt trap for developing nations, but it also provides chances for growth in connectivity and the economy.

China’s pursuit of economic development, regional influence, and strategic interests, as well as its rivalry with the United States and other superpowers, all have an impact on the country’s global geopolitics. China’s global geopolitics will probably continue to be a major influence on international relations in the years to come as it consolidates its position as a major world power. Despite providing economic support to numerous nations, China’s quest for global dominance has also heightened geopolitical unrest and raised concerns about the future of the global order.

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