

US-China Relations

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History of US-China Relations before 1979

- 1911: the Republic of China (ROC) was established
- WWII: China became an US ally
- 1946-49: Chinese civil war “biased” mediator
- 1949: the People Republic of China (PRC) was established.
- 1950-53: the Korean War
- 1954: the Sino-American Mutual Defense Treaty
- 1960: President Eisenhower visited Taiwan



The Cairo Conference (Nov. 1945)



Gen. Marshall and Mao Zedong (1945)

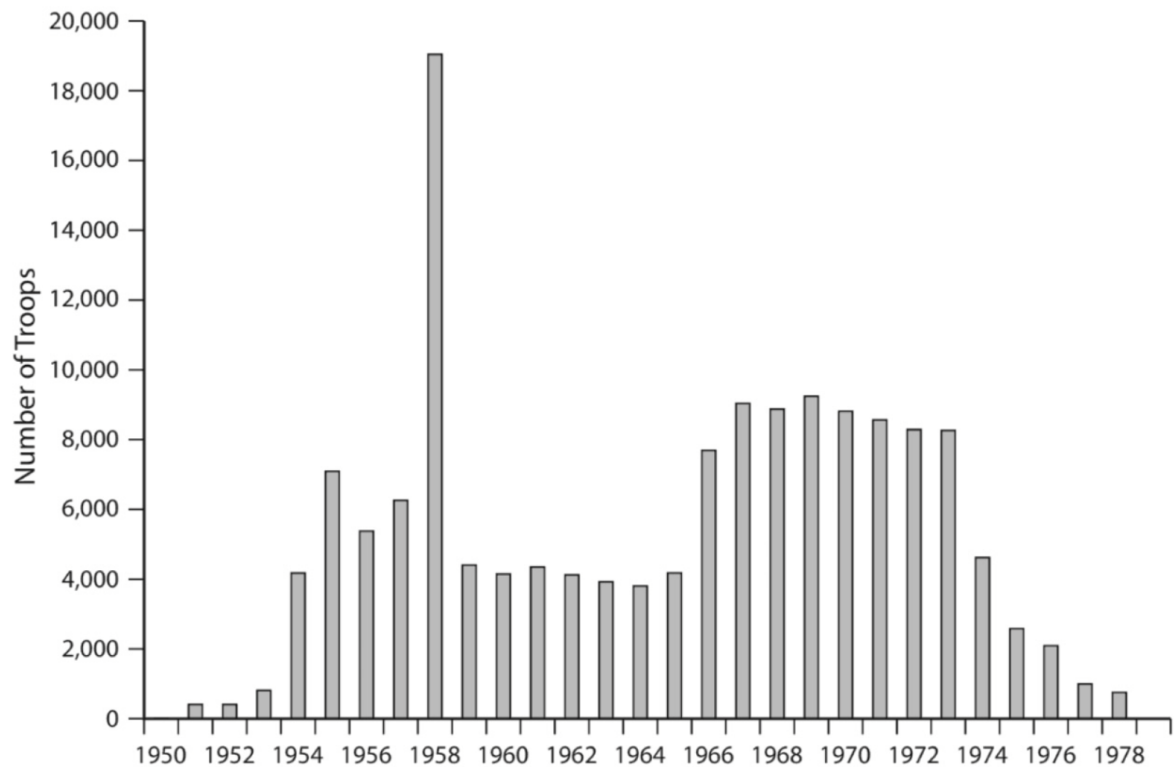


Figure 5.2 U.S. Troops Stationed in Taiwan (1950–1979)

Source: Global U.S. Troop Deployment Dataset, Heritage Foundation, October 2004.



President Eisenhower visited Taiwan (1960)

US-PRC Rapprochement (1970 – 72)



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- Outcome:

- China dropped the last condition and implicitly promised peaceful unification
- US maintained only economic and cultural ties

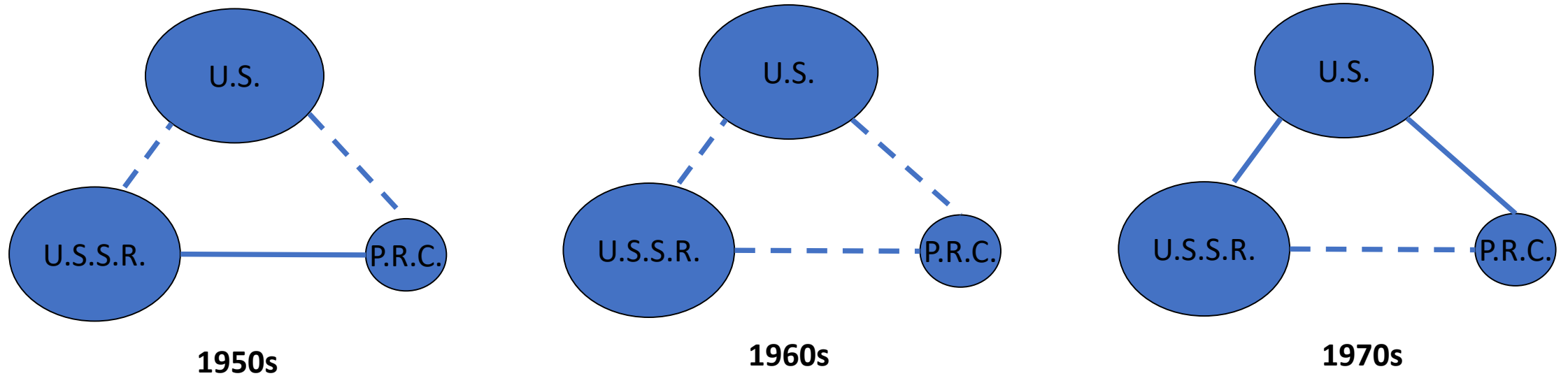
Taiwan Relations Act (Apr 10 1979)

- “make clear that the United States decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that **the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means**”
- US to make available “such defense articles and defense services as may necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability”.



Protestors in Taipei, (1979)

The Cold War Superpower Triangle

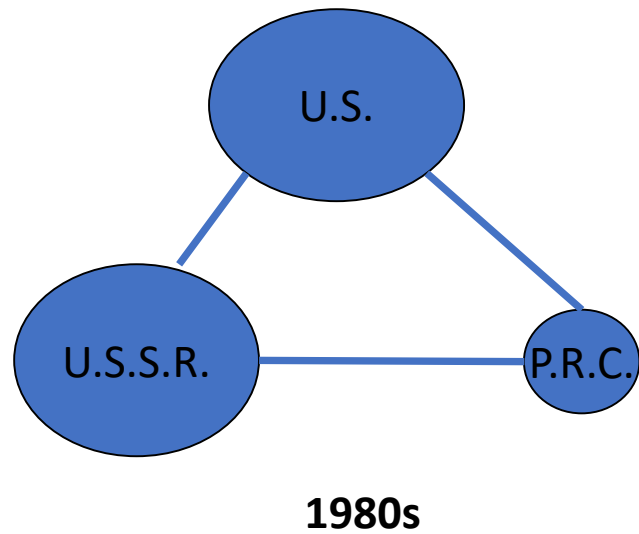


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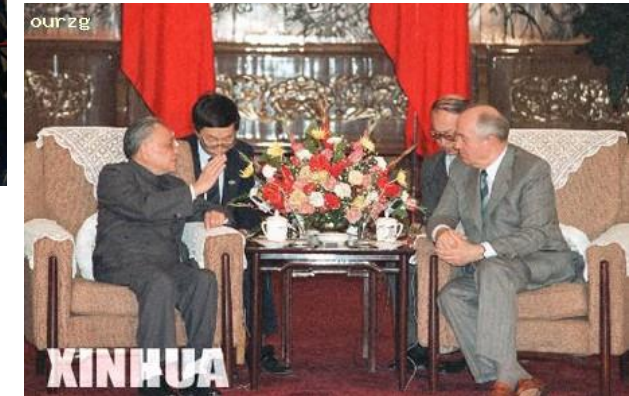
Why we should miss the cold war...



Reagan visited China, 1984



Bush visited China, 1989



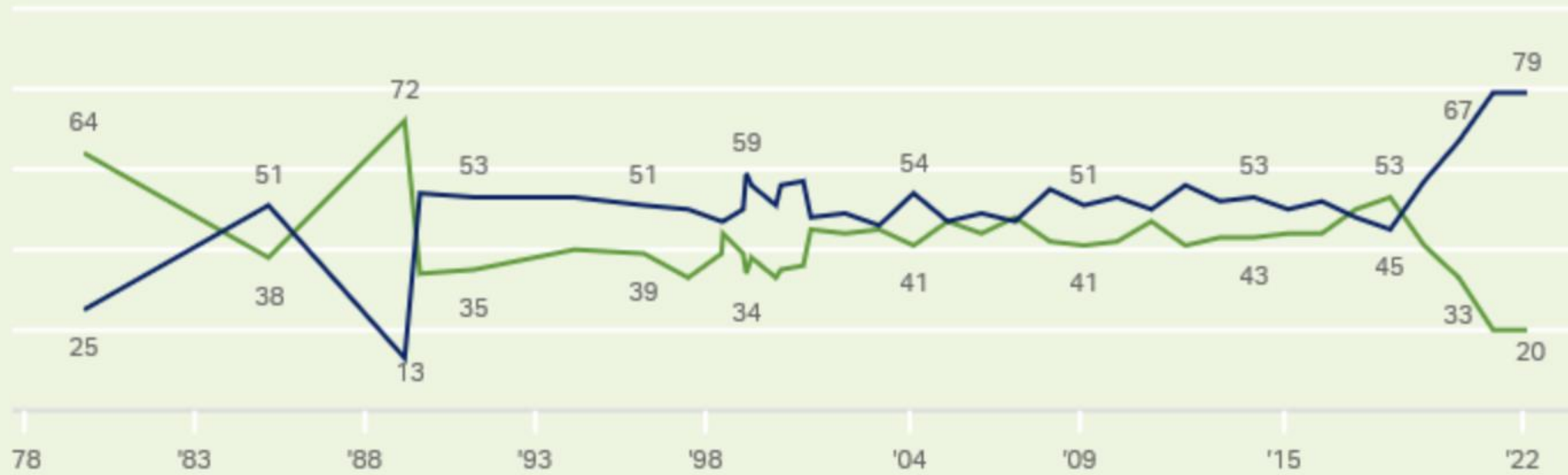
Gorbachev visited China, 1989



A Chinese man stands alone to block a line of tanks heading east on Beijing's Changan Blvd. in Tiananmen Square on June 5, 1989. (AP IMAGES)

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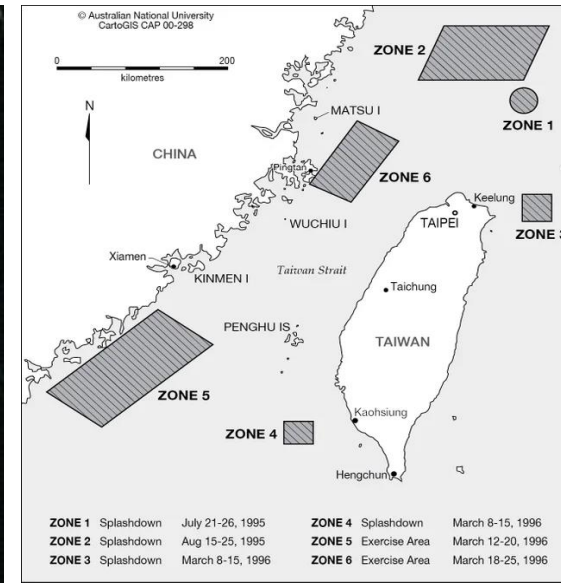
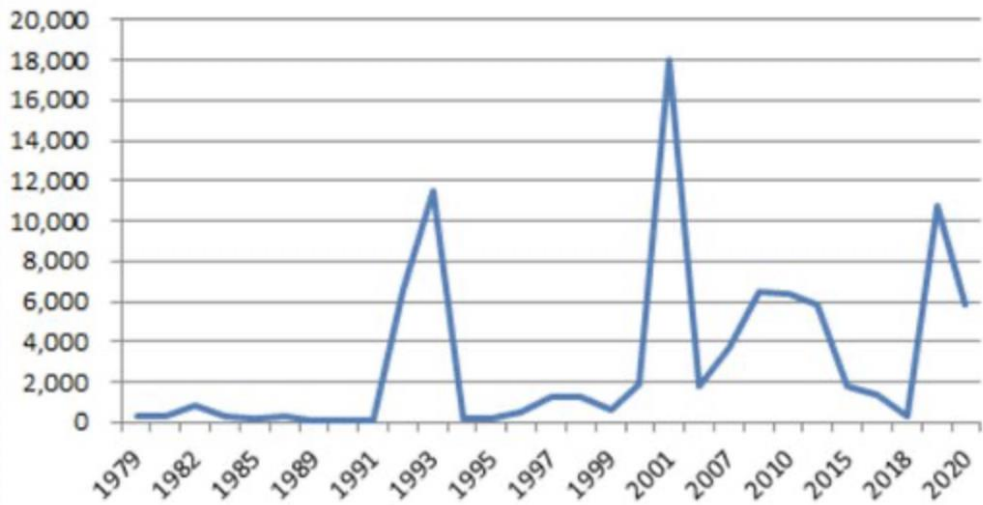


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The troubling 1990s

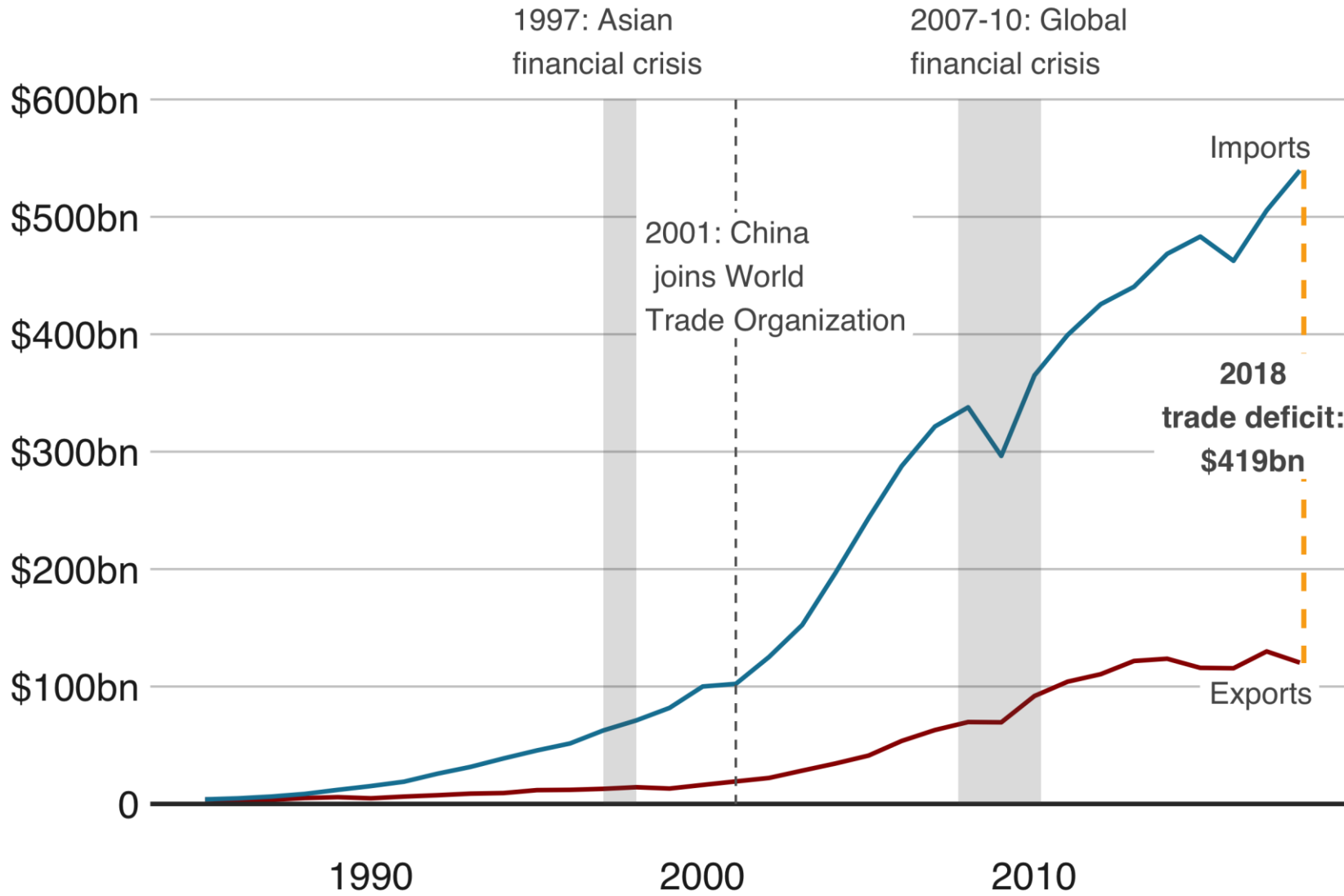
- 1992: US approved the sale of 150 F-16 jet fighters to Taiwan
- 1993: China lost its bid the 2000 Olympics Games to Sydney by two votes.
- 1990-94: Annual fight for China's most-favored-nation (MFN) trading status
- 1995-96: Taiwanese President Lee Tenghui visited the US, triggering the third Taiwan Strait Crisis
- 1999: US bombed Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia
- 2000: Taiwan's pro-independence candidate won presidential election
- 2001: US-China mid-air collision in South China Sea

US arms sales to Taiwan in millions of USD



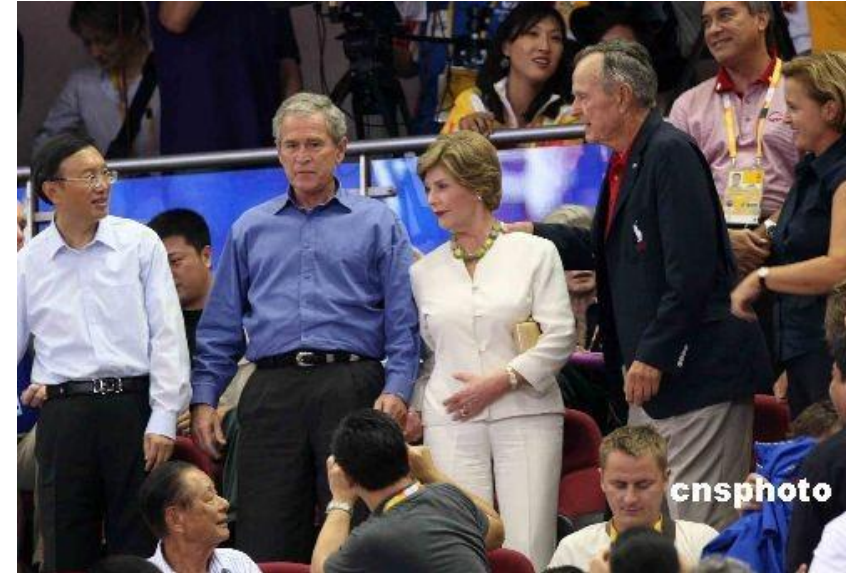
US trade with China

US trade deficit with China has soared since 1985



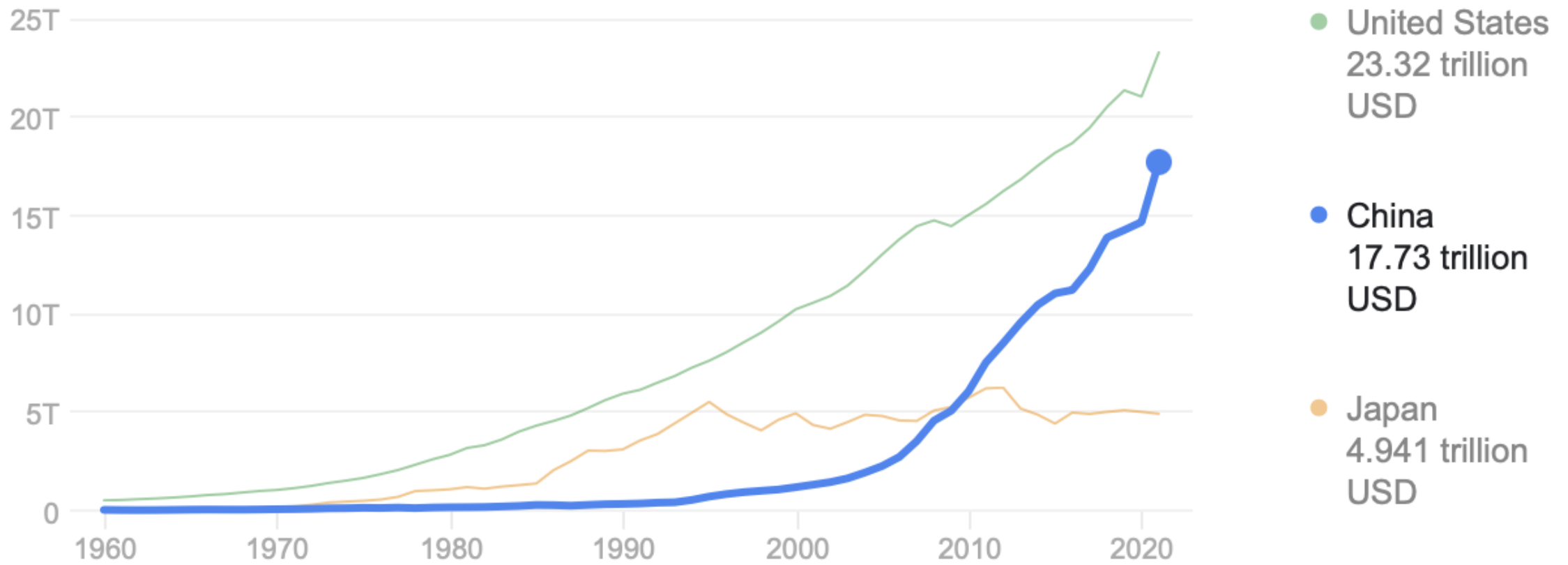
The 2000s: “the US-China relationship is the best ever!”

- 2001: the war on terror
- 2003: the invasion of Iraq
- 2003: Bush publicly criticized Chen when Chinese premier visited
- 2006: Bush declared the Sino-US relationship the “best ever”
- 2006: China and US cooperated against North Korea’s nuclear program
- 2007-8: the Great Recession and the Beijing Olympic games



US President Visited China

- Richard Nixon (1972)
- Gerald Ford (1975)
- Jimmy Carter (1979)
- Ronald Reagan (1984)
- George H. W. Bush (1989)
- Bill Clinton (1998)
- George W. Bush (2001, 2002, 2005, 2008)
- Barack Obama (2009, 2014, 2016)
- Donald Trump (2017)
- Joe Biden (?)



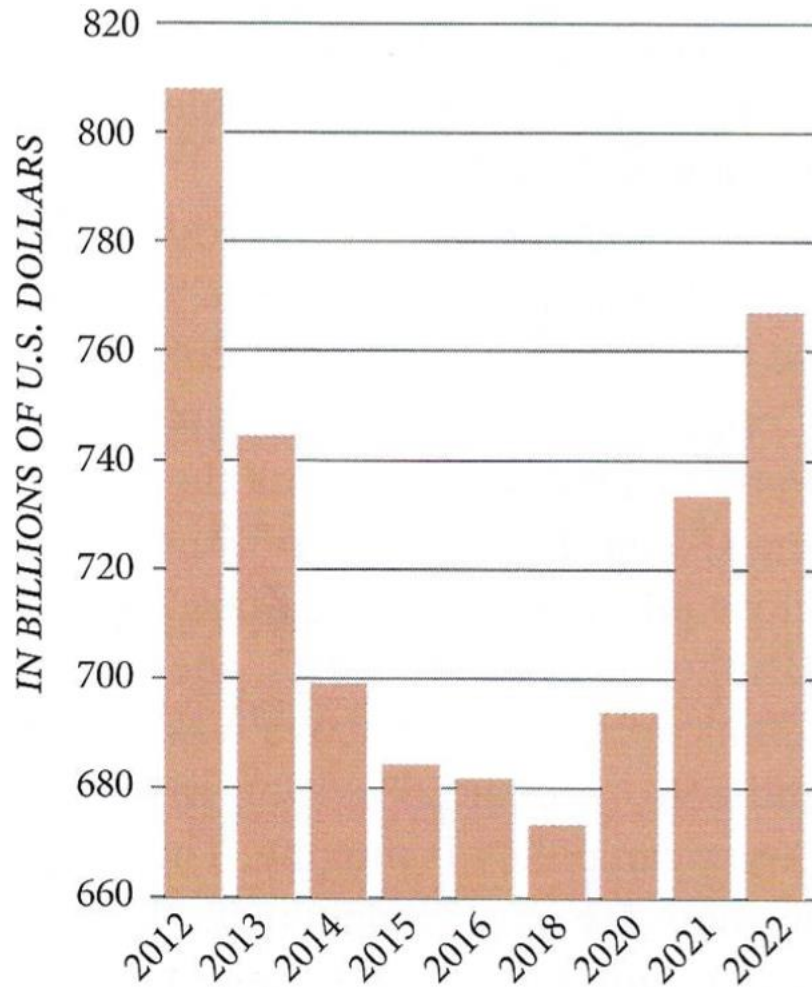
From cold peace to cold war

- 2011: President Obama announced an American pivot to Asia
- 2012: Xi Jinping stated the Chinese dream of the “great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation”.
- 2013: China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
- 2016: The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- 2018: President Trump started the trade war by imposing \$60 billion tariff.
- 2022: Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the last lost opportunity

Reasons for Emerging US-China Tensions

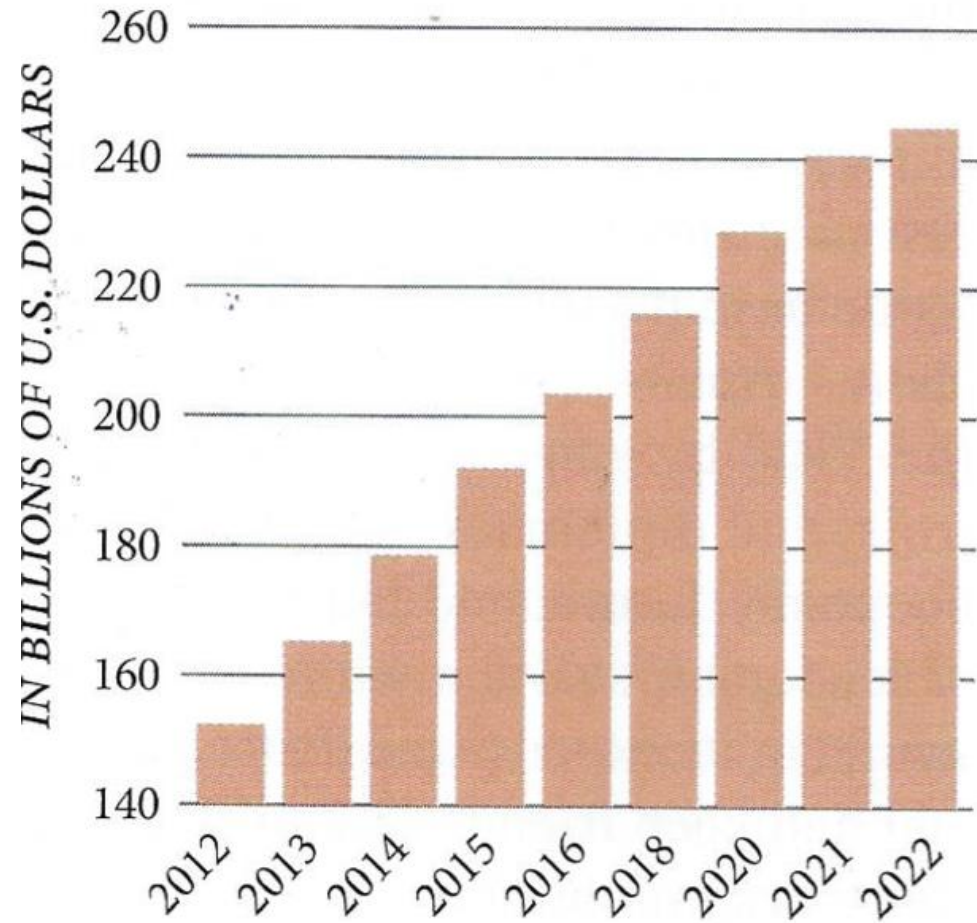
- Changing balance of power
- Lack of a solid foundation for bilateral relations
- Taiwan, the issue that is never resolved
 - From “strategic ambiguity” to “strategic certainty”
 - Sep. 18, 2022: President Biden said U.S. forces would defend Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion

U. S. Military Expenditure in 2012–2022



SOURCE: tradingeconomics.com, SIPRI

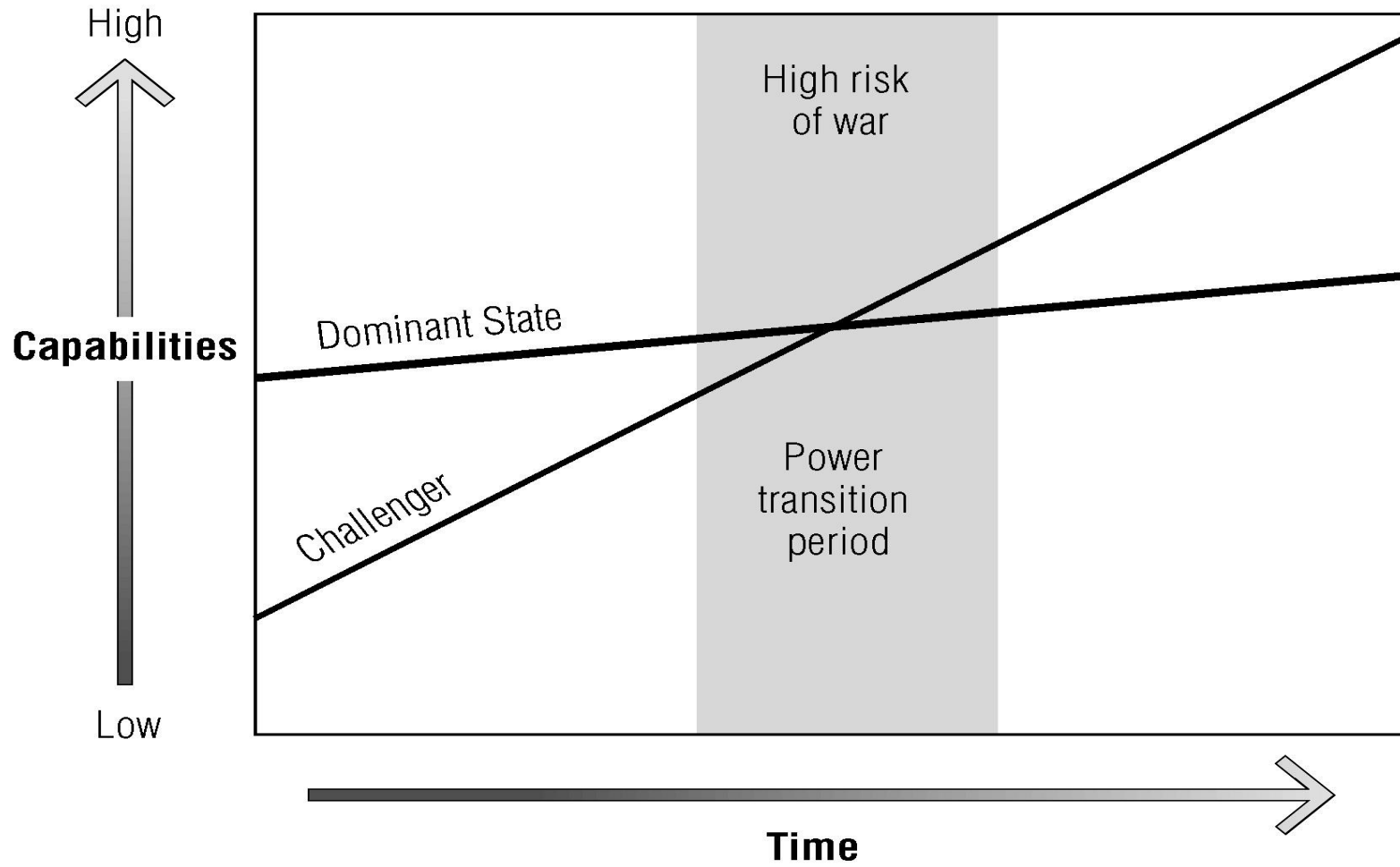
China Military Expenditure in 2012–2022

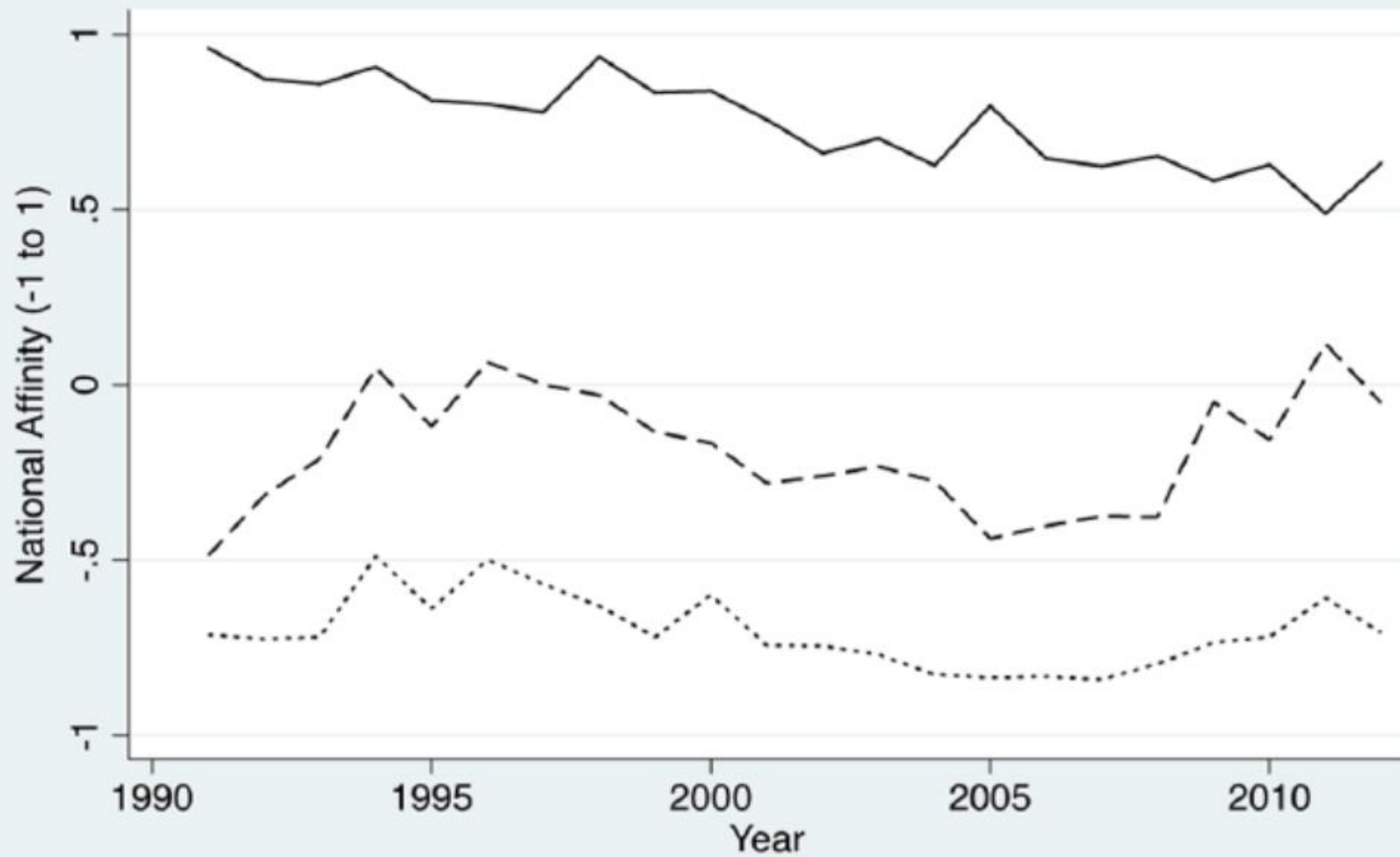


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Power Transition and the Risk of War

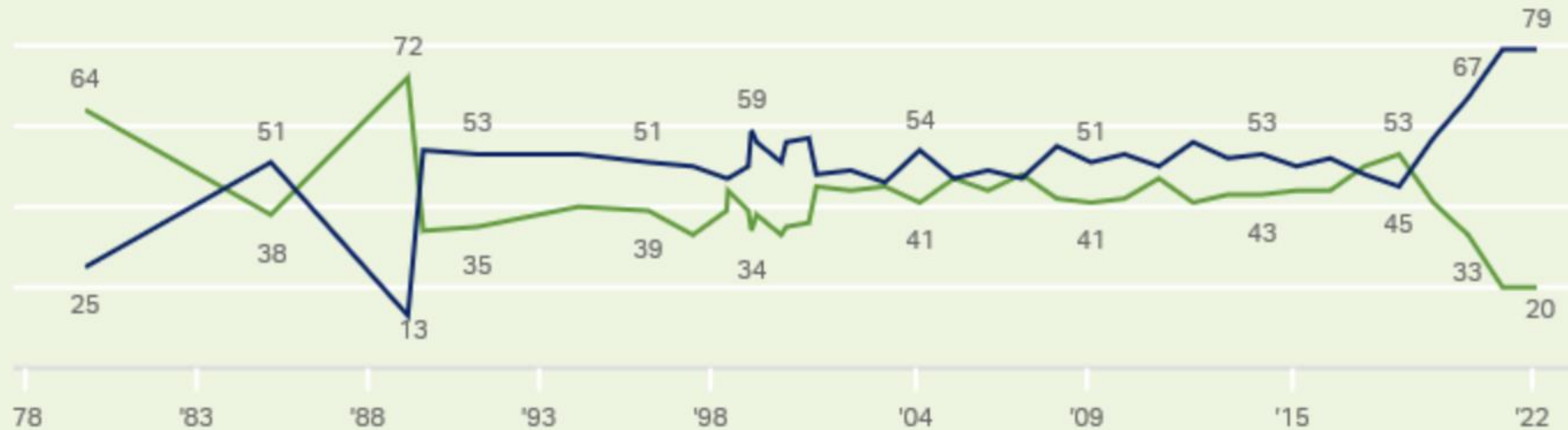




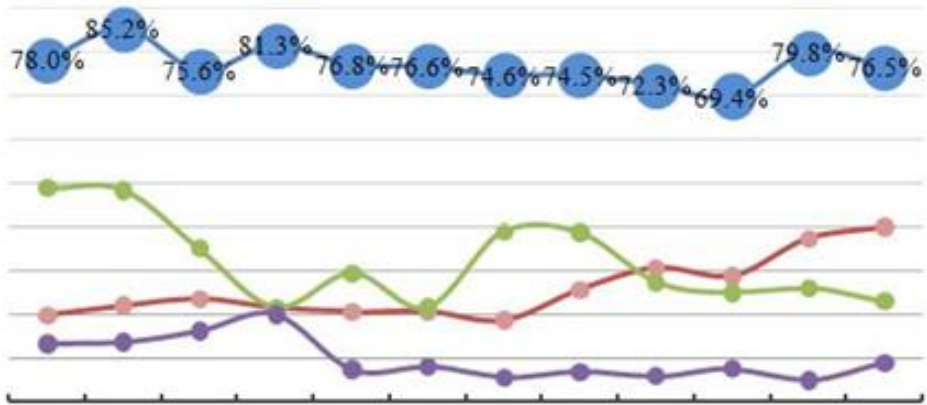
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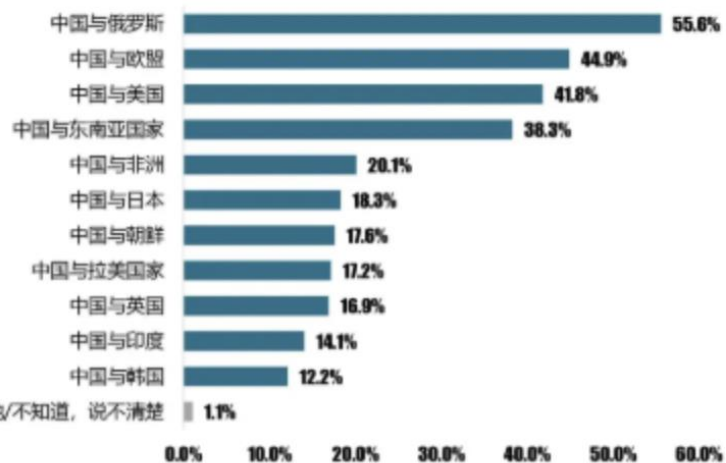


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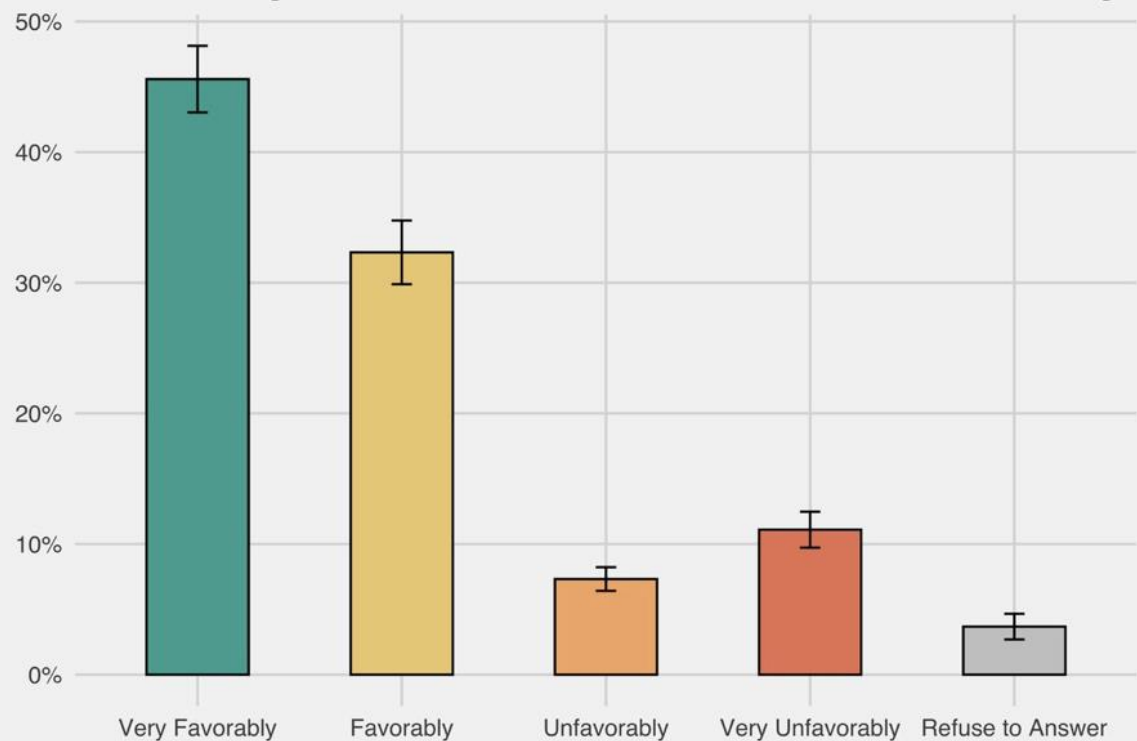


	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
中美关系	78.0%	85.2%	75.6%	81.3%	76.8%	76.6%	74.6%	74.5%	72.3%	69.4%	79.8%	76.5%
中俄关系	19.8%	22.0%	23.4%	21.3%	20.5%	20.6%	18.7%	25.6%	30.4%	28.6%	37.2%	39.9%
中日关系	48.7%	48.2%	35.0%	21.4%	29.2%	21.5%	38.8%	38.6%	27.1%	24.9%	25.9%	22.9%
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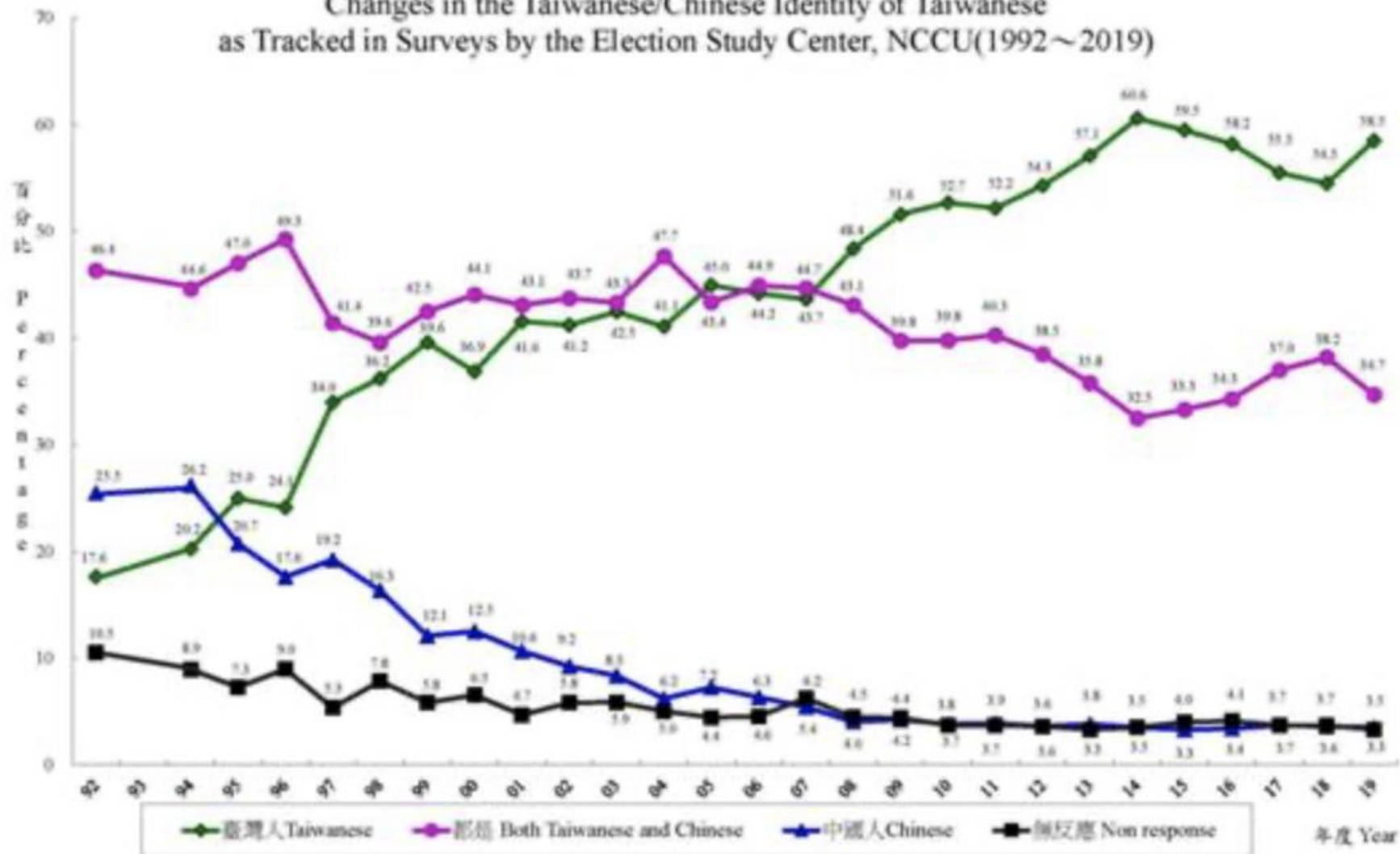
图2-2 2006-2017年受访者心目中对中国影响力最大的双边关系（2017，N=1033）



"How do you think China is viewed internationally?"



臺灣民眾臺灣人／中國人認同趨勢分佈 (1992~2019)
 Changes in the Taiwanese/Chinese Identity of Taiwanese
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Number of People's Liberation Army incursions into Taiwan's air defence identification zone

