

**Discussion 10: Responding to Import-Dependence & US Policy**

American Strategies for dealing with Asian countries (mostly China) who are import-dependent

- Diversify
  - Competition
  - Getting in bed with Latin America
- Engagement
  - Technology
  - Cooperation
  - Humanitarian
  - Multilateral in Middle East
  - Transparency in US-Chinese Relations
    - Military exercises together
  - Make China a big player in the international energy game (Institutionalize)
    - Welcome them to the IEA
- Containment
  - Comes out of the Cold War
    - Keep Soviets in a box and stop expansion
    - Rollback
      - Use subversion to topple countries in eastern Europe hoping that it will lead with a domino effect
  - Sell offensive weapons to other countries around China
  - Influence
    - Pre-empt aid and infrastructure to countries that China might try to influence
  - "Information shaping" → or propaganda
  - Basing and alliances
    - Put American troops all around China → Done!
  - Get close with oil producers
- Pros and Cons of an Engagement Strategy
  - Pros
    - Since US and China are economically dependant upon one another that any positive steps would be mutually beneficial
      - WTO, IEA
    - Peace
  - Cons
    - Restraints on US policy
    - Chinese political power is distinct from Chinese military power
    - On a moral level, the US might have a problem selling this interaction to the public
      - Darfur
    - Balance of power
      - US could be soft and give China a chance to become big and powerful
- Pros and Cons of a Containment Strategy
  - Pros
    - Balance of power

- Insurance against future issues
  - We have more influence in the region
- Cons
  - Strange bedfellows
  - China status quo
    - Essentially containment is an overreaction towards China's rise and lack of physical expansion
  - Money and influence
  - Spiral / Self-fulfilling prophecy
  - Inefficient
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