Yin-Yang
United States-China Relations
1840-Present

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In Chinese philosophy, yin and yang (also yin-yang or yin yang, 阴阳 yīnyáng "dark—bright") describe how seemingly opposite or contrary forces may actually be complementary, interconnected, and interdependent in the natural world, and how they may give rise to each other as they interrelate to one another.
“Americans and Chinese have been enchanting each other and disappointing each other since they first met in 1784, when the first U.S. ship landed in Guangzhou with a cargo of American-grown ginseng and silver to trade for tea. If there is a pattern to the relationship, it has been rapturous enchantment followed by despair.”

- John Pomfret, author of *The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom*
Period 1: 19th Century

• Age of Imperialism

  Open Door Policy
  • Primary Source
  • Political Cartoon

Chinese Exclusion Act
  • Primary Source
  • Political Cartoon
NOTICE -
COMMUNIST
NIHILIST
SOCIALIST
FENIAN &
OODLUM
WELCOME
BUT NO
ADMITTANCE
to
CHINAMEN

THE ONLY ONE BARRED OUT.
ENLIGHTENED AMERICAN STATESMAN. — "We must draw the line somewhere, you know."
Period 2: War Times 1930s-1949

- Common Enemy: Japan
- Fight alongside each other in China-Burma-India Theater
- U.S. support for Nationalists (Guomindang) against the Communists in the Chinese Civil War
  - Primary Source 1943 Soong May-Ling address to U.S. House of Representatives
General MacArthur
And
Chiang Kai-Shek

Madame Chiang
at the
U.S. House of Representatives
1943
Period 3: Containment 1950-1970

• Fear of Communism
  – Support for Taiwan, Republic of China
  – Korean War
  – McCarthyism “Who Lost China?”
  – SEATO

• Primary Sources
  – Truman’s containment Speech April 11, 1951
  – Mao’s Quotes
  – McCarthy’s Speech
IT'S YOUR CHOICE:
WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION?
Imperialism and all reactionaries are paper tigers
THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR NATION TODAY

THE RED MENACE

USING THE GUISE OF "MORAL VALUES", THE RED MENACE CREEPS LIKE A CANCER ACROSS THE LAND, POISONING MINDS, CORRUPTING OUR YOUTH, THREATENING WORLD PEACE, SOWING HATRED, INTOLERANCE, CULTURAL DIVISION, GREED, INJUSTICE, ARROGANCE, AND DELUSIONS OF SUPERIORITY, AND CUTTING A WIDE SWATH OF HATRED, DEATH, DESTRUCTION, DISEASE, AND HUMAN MISERY ABROAD.
Period 4: Rapprochement 1970-79

- Ping Pong Diplomacy
- Nixon and Mao
- Shanghai Communique (Primary Source)
THE CULMINATION OF PING-PONG DIPLOMACY
Period 5: Diplomatic Relations 1979-1989

- Taiwan Relations Act 1979 (Primary Source)

ONE CHINA, TWO SYSTEMS POLICY

- Tiananmen Square  May 4\textsuperscript{th}, 1989
- Source: 13 Photos from mic.com
Tiananmen Square
June 4th, 1989
Tiananmen Square June 5th, 1989
U.S./NATO Bombing of Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia October 1999

Period 7: 2000 Re-opening Relations

- Permanent Normal Trade Relations
  - U.S. Congress votes to grant PNTR to China
    - Discussions/debates tied to human rights issues
  - Quickly leads to China joining the WTO in 2001

Sources:
Pro/Con Debate from CQ Researcher
Pro/Con Article from Washington Post
FINDINGS

How trade policy sent jobs to China

Employment growth sank by 30 percent in US manufacturing.

By John Stoehr | Mar/Apr 2013
Post 9/11 Engagement

• China offers condolences after 9/11 attacks.
• China and U.S. are part of the Six-Party talks along with Japan, Russia, the Republic of Korea and the DPRK (North Korea).

Source:
Responsible Stakeholder Speech from Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick
Six-Party Talks
2003-2009
Period 8: 2008-present The Economic Ties that Bind

- 2008: China becomes largest U.S. foreign creditor
- **2010:** China becomes world’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} largest economy
- 2011: U.S. foreign policy “pivots” toward Asia
- **2012:** Rising trade tensions
- 2013: Sunnylands Summit Xi and Obama
- **2014:** Chinese hackers indicted in U.S.
- 2014: Joint Climate Announcement
- **2015:** South China Sea Warnings
- **2016:** President Trump recognizes “One China Policy”
Period 9: The Future

- Will the close economic ties continue?
- Will China’s rise threaten the U.S.?
- Will China move in the direction of political reform?