



China's Role in Global Issues

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- **Environmental Issues**
- **Economic Issues**
- **Political & Social Issues**



Environmental Issues





Environmental Issues





Past

- **Developing country with low concern for environmental issues**
- **1st in the ranking of CO2 emission**
- **44th in the rank of CO2 emission per capita**



Present

- **Olympics resulted in major efforts to reduce the problem**
- **16% of China's electricity from renewable sources in 2006**
- **4th largest producer of wind power, after the US, Germany, and Spain**



Present

- **3rd largest producer of ethanol, after Brazil and US**
- **China produces 30% of the world's solar photovoltaic cells**
- **East China's Jiangsu province**



Present

2006 Rank

	Country	Total Emissions (Million metric tons of CO2)	Per Capita Emissions (Tons/capita)
1.	China	6017.69	4.58
2.	United States	5902.75	19.78
3.	Russia	1704.36	12.00
4.	India	1293.17	1.16
5.	Japan	1246.76	9.78
6.	Germany	857.60	10.40
7.	Canada	614.33	18.81
8.	United Kingdom	585.71	9.66
9.	South Korea	514.53	10.53
10.	Iran	471.48	7.25



Economic Issues

- Foreign Trade
- Counterfeit
- China in the Global Economic Crisis





Foreign Trade

- **World's Largest Exporter in 2009**
- **Government subsidies leading to trade frictions**
- **World's 4th Largest Importer in 2009**



Counterfeit

- **Global companies loose an estimate 60 Billion dollars due to counterfeiting and piracy in China**
- **The Central Government vs. Local Governments debate**
- **The Olympic Games example**





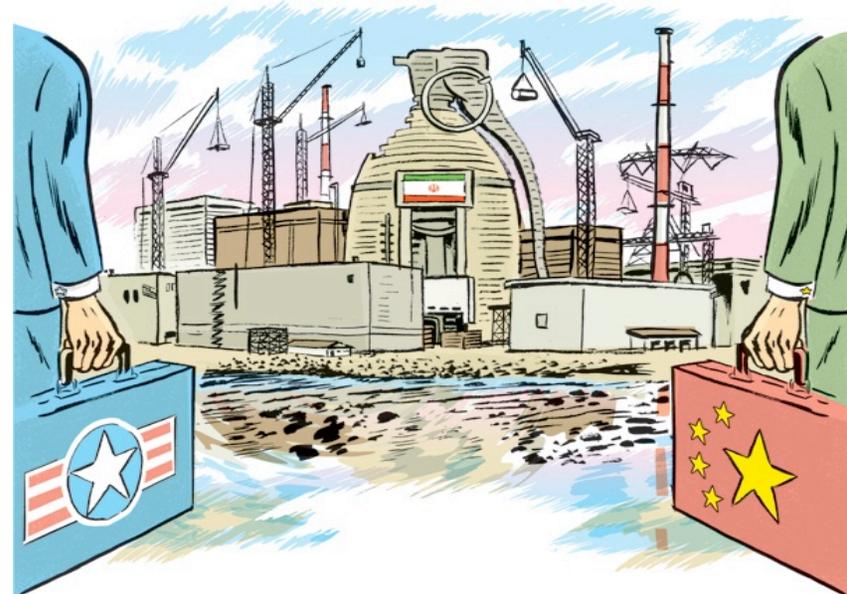
China in the Global Economic Crisis

- **The 1997 Asian Crisis – Lessons Learned**
- **The impact of the Global Economic Crisis**
- **The Stimulus Package and its global reflections**



Political & Social Issues

- 3 main issues:
 - Freedom of Speech/
Censorship
 - Political Freedom/
Freedom of Movement
 - Nuclear Weapons
Sanctions





Freedom of Speech/ Censorship

- **Government limits groups, organizations, and beliefs which are a threat to “social stability”.**
- **Controversial events and religious movements are blocked on the Internet .**
- **On Jan 12, Google claimed that it was victim of highly sophisticated and targeted attacks.**
- **Human-rights advocates praised Google.**





Freedom of Speech/ Censorship

War of Words

Hillary Clinton

Excerpt from a speech made during a conference on Internet freedom in Washington, below:

"The most recent situation involving Google has attracted a great deal of interest. And we look to the Chinese authorities to conduct a thorough review of the cyber intrusions that led Google to make its announcement. And we also look for that investigation and its results to be transparent."



Ma Zhaoxu

Excerpt from the response by the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman:

"The U.S. side had criticized China's policies on Internet administration, alluding that China restricts Internet freedom. We firmly oppose such words and deeds, which were against the facts and would harm the China-U.S. relations."





Political Freedom/ Freedom of Movement

- Economic and social controls have been greatly relaxed....but many claim political freedom is still tightly controlled....
- China had residency permit system defining where people could work, and classified individuals as a "rural" or "urban" workers.
- China argues that human rights should take into account economic development, and people's rights to subsistence and development.
- The rise in the standard of living, literacy, and life expectancy is seen as tangible progress made in human rights!!





Nuclear Weapons Sanctions

- China is an important player in the diplomatic showdowns over nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea.
- China is North Korea's closest ally and has played a key role in talks to dismantle North Korea's nuclear weapons program.
- At the same time, China has too much at stake in North Korea and Iran to halt or withdraw its support entirely.
- The Chinese are most concerned about the collapse of North Korea leading to chaos on the border.
- Washington and Beijing have very different views on the issue:
 - Washington believes in using pressure to influence North Korea and Iran.
 - China has a much more negative view of sanctions and pressure tactics. They tend to see public measures as humiliating and counterproductive.

