



China as a rising power

Why USA is focusing on China

A Chinese alternative

- Western liberal ideals are challenged
- China as a political great power
- An Asian alternative based on Sun Tzu and Kung Fu-Tzu
 - Peaceful coexistence as a strategic narrative to preserve national unity as defined by China.
 - Power strategy for states that do not have the physical capabilities to assume superpower status.
 - Maintaining peace and stability through common rules for right and wrong behaviour.



Peaceful coexistence

Means

- Compromises instead of use of force between great powers
- Peacemaking operations require government consent unless the UN system has evidence of threats to international peace and security
- Solidarity with governments and regional or functional organizations
- Absolute sovereignty retains its fundamental status in international law



China's problems

- Internal security problems
- Non-transparent government decision procedures
- Border disputes with surrounding countries
- No trustworthy allies
- No military power projection



Conclusion

- China is no true alternative to USA world domination
 - Weak military powers
 - Huge internal problems
 - Poor transparency in governance
 - Not a real alternative to the western liberal ideas
 - USA needs China to:
 - Capture states not under USA influence (prevent rogue states) by be an alternative to western liberal ideas – as long as it is not too dominant
 - Be a peacekeeping element in Asia
 - Stay as a secondary power
- => USA makes China's influence greater than it really is.**