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Keeping Xi Jinping up at night

discussion

- ▶ P.R.C. strategic context
- ▶ Issues confronting P.R.C. at home
- ▶ Xi's returns to 'the CCP state': preventing chaos
- ▶ Returning the CCP to centrality in daily life

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P.R.C. strategic context

- ▶ Geography
- ▶ The 'Middle Kingdom' and 'Mandate of Heaven'
- ▶ China's culture fears *luan*
- ▶ The 'New China': CCP rule with modern tools, including nationalism through anti-colonialism
 - ▶ The 'Century of Humiliation', 1842-1949
 - ▶ 'China is no longer on its knees'
 - ▶ Great Leap Forward/Cultural Revolution
 - ▶ 'Four Modernisations'
 - ▶ Xi Jinping's national renovation increasingly a nationalist, authoritarian w/ Maoist characteristics

Xi's China: a CCP- driven rule TO PREVENT LUAN

- Primary goal: KEEPING THE PARTY IN POWER as focus
- Balancing rising expectations versus reality
 - Growing economic/social/geographic disparities
 - Economic growth over, challenged, or 'getting by'?
 - Environmental threats: getting a handle on it?
 - Demographic realities: boys, girls, young, old
 - Taiwan/Xinjiang/Tibet
 - Burgeoning nationalism
 - 'Anti-corruption': consolidation of Xi's and returning CCP to center of daily life
- Providing remarkably adapt at addressing expectations and complaints w/o surrendering power

CCP returns to centrality

- ▶ Deification of Xi Jinping on par with Mao and Deng
- ▶ Returning Party to daily life as arbiter of culture, education, 'Rule by Law'=>all to prevent *luan*
- ▶ Anti-corruption campaign keeps all on their toes
- ▶ Eradication of sources of transparency into CCP
 - ▶ Foreign Investment Law
 - ▶ National Security Law
 - ▶ Surveillance state
 - ▶ Internet 'self-monitoring'
- ▶ Is it CCP or Xi? Still a collective party?
- ▶ Xi returns China to position of CCP-provided RESPECT

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