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### **Committee of 100 Urges Focus on Mutual Interests in Trump-Xi Meeting** *C100 Survey Reveals Hopes and Concerns of American and Chinese People for U.S.-China Relations, Overwhelming Chinese Optimism Ahead of Xi's Arrival*

(New York, NY, April 6, 2017) — Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in the United States for his first meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump today, bolstered by significant domestic Chinese support and increased Chinese optimism about the country's trajectory. [Initial findings](#) from the forthcoming Committee of 100 (C100) U.S.-China Public Perceptions and Opinion Survey 2017 reveal that 92% of Chinese respondents think China is headed on the right track. Relative to four years ago, there is also greater Chinese support for China's leaders to grow their international stature through diplomacy and take a global leadership role.

With more Chinese believing that the U.S.-China relationship will improve (32%) rather than worsen (23%) under the Trump administration, today's first meeting comes with high expectations on both sides. "This moment is the opportune time for both countries and their leaders to set the bilateral relationship on a hopeful and mutually beneficial path," said Frank H. Wu, Chairman of C100.

The C100 survey also revealed that while each country had concerns about the other – with Americans most worried about the trade deficit, loss of U.S. jobs to China, and cybersecurity, and the Chinese most concerned about the U.S. military presence in the Asia-Pacific region and the issue of Taiwan – there were also areas of common concern around issues of climate change and North Korea.

For the first time, Americans and Chinese are in agreement about the main areas in which both countries would benefit from working together: trade, global financial stability, and the environment.

At this critical inflection point in U.S.-China relations, these areas of common interest between the two countries should invite expanded cooperation and creative collaboration at the highest levels. The Committee of 100 urges the leaders of both countries to seize this opportunity to focus on issues of mutual interest and exercise collective global leadership.

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These [initial findings](#) are part of the full C100 U.S.-China Public Perceptions Survey 2017, planned for release in May 2017 at the C100 [Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. C100's [Opinion Survey project](#) began in 1994 and produced surveys in 2001, 2005, 2007, 2012, and 2017. This year, the survey was conducted among 3,696 Chinese respondents and 1,019 American respondents

between November 18 and December 23, 2016. Learn more about C100's survey methodology [here](#).

The Committee of 100 is a non-partisan leadership organization of prominent Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, entertainment, and the arts. Established in 1990, the Committee has a long history of contribution to twin missions promoting the full participation and inclusion of Chinese Americans in all fields of American life, and encouraging constructive relations between the peoples of the United States and Greater China. [www.committee100.org](http://www.committee100.org).

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