Goals & Methodology

Survey Objective:

The aim of this snapshot survey is to determine American attitudes toward China, in order to identify the most salient domestic issues in U.S.-China relations.

At a time when China is politically, economically, and socially ascendant, it is more crucial than ever to find paths to mutual understanding and stronger bilateral relations.

The snapshot survey findings provide a window into the American public’s opinions and can be used to foster more fact-based discussion.

The Committee of 100 conducted this snapshot survey to inform fact-based dialogue at its 26th Annual Conference in April. This survey explores many of the same themes C-100 has been exploring in its survey work since 1994.

The Committee of 100 worked with Brunswick Insight to design and conduct the 2016 U.S. snapshot survey.

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China’s slowing economy and declining markets have sparked fear and concern across global markets in recent months. At the same time, China’s global political profile continues to rise, prominently marked by the country assuming the presidency of the G-20 nations in 2016. How have recent events such as these shaped American views of China?

Our survey finds that Americans have mixed perceptions of China. On one hand, they see cooperation between the two countries as necessary, and recognize the benefits of increased trade and investment. On the other hand, they are skeptical of China’s economic and political intentions.
How would you describe your impression of China?

- **Favorable**
  - 2007: 52%
  - 2012: 55%
  - 2016: 57%
- **Unfavorable**
  - 2007: 3%
  - 2012: 8%
- **Not Sure**
  - 2007: 45%
  - 2012: 37%
  - 2016: 43%

Percent that say China is an important partner to the U.S. in the world today.

- **2007**
  - Favorable: 55%
  - Unfavorable: 8%
- **2012**
  - Favorable: 61%
  - Unfavorable: 3%
- **2016**
  - Favorable: 63%
  - Unfavorable: 3%

**QUESTION:** For each of the below countries, please indicate if they are the most important, a very important, a somewhat important, or not an important partner to the U.S. in the world today. **NOTE:** Data points represent counts of this country as “Important.” This includes “Most Important” and “Very Important.”
Economic & Political Outlook

Yet Americans are skeptical – strong majorities call China an economic and military threat

How do you view China’s emergence as a global economic power?

- Potential Threat: 40% in 2007, 29% in 2012, 50% in 2016
- Not Sure: 7% in 2007, 8% in 2012, 1% in 2016
- No Threat: 25% in 2007, 33% in 2012, 14% in 2016
- Partner: 4% in 2007, 1% in 2012, 11% in 2016

How do you view China’s emergence as a military power?

- Serious Threat: 15% in 2005, 17% in 2012, 22% in 2016
- Potential Threat: 51% in 2005, 53% in 2012, 55% in 2016
- Not Sure: 6% in 2005, 5% in 2012, 3% in 2016
- No Threat: 16% in 2005, 12% in 2012, 15% in 2016
- Ally: 13% in 2005, 8% in 2012, 15% in 2016
Economic & Political Outlook

Although neither the U.S. nor China is seen as handling bilateral relations particularly well, perceptions have improved over time.

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Economic & Political Outlook

Trade and financial stability are top areas for collaboration; Americans are divided in how they see the potential impact of cooling Chinese growth on the U.S. economy

In what areas do you think that the U.S. and China would benefit from working together?

How do you view the effect of a slowing Chinese economy on the U.S. economy?
### Economic & Political Outlook

Americans have mixed views toward trade with China, equally seeing costs and benefits

Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

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- **Chinese tainted food and unsafe toy cases have reduced your confidence in products made in China**
- **China causes job losses in the U.S.**
- **Trade with China is beneficial to the U.S. economy**
- **Products from China benefit American consumers**

2007 2012 2016
Economic & Political Outlook

Americans have a complicated perspective of Chinese investment in the U.S.

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**Positive Outcomes**

**Negative Outcomes**
Economic & Political Outlook

Fewer respondents believe China will be the world’s leading superpower compared to 2012, but there is strong agreement that the U.S. accepts China’s rise

Which of these comes the closest to your views about how the U.S. sees China’s rise?

- The U.S. **accepts China’s status as a rising power** and wants a collaborative relationship.

- The U.S. is **trying to prevent** China from becoming a great power.

- Not Sure

Which nation or political region do you think will be the world’s leading superpower twenty years from now?

**U.S.**
- 2007: 49%
- 2012: 46%
- 2016: 56%

**China**
- 2007: 23%
- 2012: 26%
- 2016: 36%

**EU**
- 2007: 10%
- 2012: 6%
- 2016: 7%

**Russia**
- 2007: 5%
- 2012: 3%
- 2016: 5%

QUESTION: Please indicate which statement comes closest to your view.

Note: Responses that received less than 5 percent were excluded from the second chart.
Economic & Political Outlook

More than half of Americans believe the U.S. and China will go to war in the next decade

How likely is a military conflict involving the U.S. and China in the next ten years?

- Very Likely: 10%
- Somewhat Likely: 42%
- Somewhat Unlikely: 37%
- Very Unlikely: 10%
Economic & Political Outlook
In the past year, optimism about social and political change in China has dropped

China’s growing middle class could contribute to social change.

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QUESTION: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:
Chinese scientists and researchers in the United States have increasingly become the focus of criminal investigations and prosecutions involving national security, intellectual property theft, and corporate espionage in the United States. Some of these investigations have been warranted, while others have not.

Our survey finds that many Americans view Chinese professionals with a cautious eye, and three in four Chinese Americans say the community faces discrimination in the workplace.
Economic Espionage
Two in five Americans believe Chinese Americans and immigrants pose a security threat

Many Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans work for the U.S. government and U.S. companies as researchers, scientists, and engineers. Do you think these individuals pose a security risk to the U.S.?

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QUESTION: Do you think Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans face discrimination at work in the U.S.?
The frontlines of the next major conflict may not be on a battlefield, but rather in cyberspace. As more data goes online, more nations, hackers, and criminals are attempting to get access.

Our survey finds that cybersecurity is now as significant of a concern as job loss and the trade deficit when Americans think of China. When it comes to stopping hackers, blame is equally placed on the governments of America and China.
Concern about cybersecurity has tripled since 2012; now seen as most likely source of conflict

**Concerns about the US-China relationship**

- U.S. Trade Deficit with China: 35% (2007), 35% (2012), 31% (2016)
- China’s Cybersecurity Threat: 11% (2007), 23% (2012), 30% (2016)
- China’s Military Modernization: 17% (2007), 17% (2012), 15% (2016)

**Potential sources of conflict**

- Cybersecurity: 36% (2007), 26% (2012), 25% (2016)
- Trade: 37% (2007), 36% (2012), 26% (2016)
- Industrial Espionage: 17% (2007), 11% (2012), 7% (2016)

**Questions**

- QUESTION: What are your two greatest concerns about the U.S.-China relationship?
- QUESTION: What are the two most likely sources of conflict between the U.S. and China in the near future?
Cybersecurity

The U.S. and China are equally blamed for failing to prevent cyber-hacking

80%
Believe the Chinese government is not doing enough to prevent cyber-hacking

75%
Believe the American government is not doing enough to prevent cyber-hacking

QUESTION: Is the [Chinese/American] government doing enough to prevent international cyber-hacking?
Hollywood and China

In 2015, Hollywood films in China had their most successful outing yet. At the same time, China’s footprint in Hollywood is growing rapidly as Chinese investments in American films and U.S. film companies continue to rise.

A majority of Americans see Chinese investment in the U.S. as a positive trend. But they are more cautious when it comes to investment in Hollywood. Our survey finds that concerns about creative control drive much of this skepticism.
Hollywood and China

While support for Chinese investment in the U.S. has softened, a majority says it should be encouraged; views of Chinese investment in Hollywood are more negative.

How much should the United States encourage Chinese investment in the U.S.?

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How do you feel about Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry?

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QUESTION: How much should the United States encourage Chinese investment in the U.S.?
QUESTION: How do you feel about Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry? Is it very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?
Hollywood and China
Underpinning these views is a belief that Chinese investors are after influence and control.

Why do you have such a view of Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry?

- Content Control: 25%
- Good Investment: 14%
- Boosts the Economy: 9%
- Cultural Diversity: 9%
- Creative Films: 5%
- Strengthens U.S.-China Ties: 3%
- Creates Jobs: 3%
- Brings in Money: 3%
- Provides Opportunities: 1%

Which of these comes the closest to your views about Chinese investment in the U.S.?

- Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to increase China's influence on the U.S.: 48%
- Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the financial opportunities those investments present.: 50%
- Unsure: 2%

QUESTION: Please explain why you view Chinese investment in Hollywood's film industry as being [PIPE Q39A SELECTION]?

QUESTION: Below are two statements about Chinese investment in the U.S. Please tell me which comes closest to your view.

- Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to increase China's influence on the U.S.
- Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the financial opportunities those investments present.
- Unsure
China is investing billions of dollars in improving its image abroad through education, entertainment, and art. Is this strategy working?

Our survey findings suggest that Chinese soft power is helping to shape American views. Many have seen Chinese art, and this results in many having more favorable perceptions of China.
QUESTION: Have you ever seen Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition?
QUESTION: Did seeing Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition give you a more favorable or less favorable perception of China? Or did it not make an impact on how you view China?

50% of Americans have seen Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition

26% say this gave them a more favorable view of China
20% say this did not change their view of China
4% say this gave them a less favorable view of China
Chinese Americans view China as America’s most important partner in the world today. But like the rest of Americans their perceptions of China are underpinned by skepticism. While the U.S. population is most concerned about the domestic economic effects of a rising China, Chinese Americans are more focused on China’s human rights record and environmental protection policies.
Chinese American Outlook

Chinese Americans see China as America’s most important partner in the world today.

**Leading super power in 20 years?**

- U.S.: 56% (2016 - General Public), 26% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- China: 51% (2016 - General Public), 38% (2016 - Chinese Americans)

**Most influence in Asia-Pacific region in 20 years?**

- U.S.: 26% (2016 - General Public), 19% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- China: 68% (2016 - General Public), 45% (2016 - Chinese Americans)

**Important partner to the U.S.?**

- United Kingdom: 73% (2016 - General Public), 75% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Japan: 64% (2016 - General Public), 68% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- China: 63% (2016 - General Public), 82% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Israel: 56% (2016 - General Public), 48% (2016 - Chinese Americans)

**Note:** Data points represent counts of this country as “Important.” This includes “Most Important” and “Very Important.”
Chinese American Outlook
While more optimistic than the U.S. public, a majority of Chinese Americans call China a threat

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QUESTION: How do you view China’s emergence as a military power — as a serious threat to the U.S., a potential threat, no threat, or as an ally of the U.S.?
QUESTION: How do you view China’s emergence as a global economic power — as a serious threat to the U.S., a potential threat, no threat, or as an economic partner of the U.S.?
**Chinese American Outlook**

**Chinese Americans are most concerned about human rights and environmental policies**

Biggest concerns about U.S.-China relations?

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Biggest sources of conflict in the near future?

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**QUESTION:** What are your two greatest concerns about the U.S.-China relationship?

**QUESTION:** What are the two most likely sources of conflict between the U.S. and China in the near future?
Chinese American Outlook
There is more optimism about Chinese investment in the U.S. among Chinese Americans

Is China trying to buy influence or make sound investments?

2016 – General Public
- 48% Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to increase China's influence on the U.S.
- 50% Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the financial opportunities those investments present.

2016 – Chinese Americans
- 30% Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to increase China's influence on the U.S.
- 68% Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the financial opportunities those investments present.

How will increased investment from China impact the U.S.?

General Public
1. Hurt the U.S. economy 39%
2. Create national security concerns 32%
3. Improve the U.S.-China relationship 31%

Chinese Americans
1. Help the U.S. economy 51%
2. Improve the U.S.-China relationship 44%
3. Create national security concerns 27%

QUESTION: Please indicate which of the following statements comes closest to your view about Chinese investment in the U.S.
QUESTION: Other than buying U.S. Treasury bills, do you think increased investment from China in the U.S. will:
Committee of 100

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Overall Impressions
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Favorable impressions of China have increased

**BASE QUESTION:** How would you describe your impression of China? Is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

**Note:** In previous years, the only three options presented were “unfavorable,” “not sure,” and “favorable.”
Overall Impressions

More Americans say the impact of Chinese culture on the U.S. has been favorable

**BASE QUESTION:** Would you say the impact of Chinese culture on the U.S. has been very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or has it had no impact?

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**Note:** In previous years, the only three options presented were “unfavorable,” “not sure,” and “favorable.”
Overall Impressions
Fewer predict China’s international dominance, but Chinese Americans are more optimistic

BASE QUESTION: Which nation or political region do you think will be the world’s leading superpower twenty years from now?
Overall Impressions

U.S. gains in most recent influence forecast; Chinese Americans see China as the dominant force in Asia by a large margin

**BASE QUESTION:** Which one of the following countries do you expect to have the greatest degree of influence in the Asia-Pacific region twenty years from now?
Overall Impressions
Americans increasingly see China’s military power as a threat

**BASE QUESTION:** How do you view China’s emergence as a military power — as a serious threat to the U.S., a potential threat, no threat, or as an ally of the U.S.?

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Overall Impressions
The U.S. has consistently had a better international image than China

BASE QUESTION: Which country currently has a better international image?
**Overall Impressions**

United States is now expected to lead the global economy in the next 20 years

**BASE QUESTION:** Which country do you think will have the most influence over the global economy in the next 20 years?

- **2012:**
  - US: 41%
  - China: 56%

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - US: 57%
  - China: 43%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - US: 53%
  - China: 47%
Overall Impressions

Americans tend to approach China with distrust, although views are divided

**BASE QUESTION:** How much do you think that the U.S. should trust China – a great deal, some but not a lot, a little or none at all?

- **2012:**
  - A Great Deal: 8%
  - Some: 41%
  - A Little: 28%
  - Not At All: 22%

- **2016 – General Public:**
  - A Great Deal: 4%
  - Some: 40%
  - A Little: 37%
  - Not At All: 18%

- **2016 – Chinese Americans:**
  - A Great Deal: 8%
  - Some: 46%
  - A Little: 39%
  - Not At All: 7%
Overall Impressions
Cybersecurity and economic imbalance are top concerns for the U.S.-China relationship

BASE QUESTION: What are your two greatest concerns about the U.S.-China relationship?

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Overall Impressions

Cybersecurity is biggest conflict area, but US presence in Asia is also an intensifying concern

BASE QUESTION: What are the two most likely sources of conflict between the U.S. and China in the near future?

*Note: In 2012 this question combined these options; 2016 split these options apart.
Political Outlook
Nearly half of respondents believe there has been no change in the U.S.-China relationship

**BASE QUESTION:** Do you believe that the relationship between the U.S. and China is currently improving, getting worse, or is there no change?
Political Outlook

China’s importance as a partner to the U.S. has steadily increased over the past few years

**BASE QUESTION:** For each of the below countries, please indicate if they are the most important, a very important, a somewhat important, or not an important partner to the U.S. in the world today.

Note: Data points represent counts of this country as “Important.” This includes “Most Important” and “Very Important.”
Political Outlook

While there has been a slight increase in positivity, respondents still rate the Chinese government’s handling of its relations with the U.S. poorly.

**BASE QUESTION:** How would you rate the Chinese government’s handling of its relations with the U.S.?
Political Outlook

Respondents consistently rated the U.S. government’s handling of its relations with China better than China’s handling of its relations with the U.S.

**BASE QUESTION:** How would you rate the U.S. government’s handling of its relations with China?
Political Outlook

Of those who believe the relationship between the U.S. and China has gotten worse, fault has shifted from the U.S. to both countries

BASE QUESTION: Who do you think is most responsible for the deterioration in U.S.-China relations — The U.S. government or the Chinese government?

Note: “Both” was a shown option in 2016 data, while in previous years, the data was collected over the phone and “both” was only noted when respondents offered both countries in their responses.
Political Outlook

Trade and global financial stability remain top two areas of common interest

**BASE QUESTION:** In what two areas do you think that the U.S. and China would benefit from working together?
Political Outlook
Two in three believe America accepts China’s rise

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate which statement comes closest to your view. The U.S. accepts China’s status as a rising power and wants a collaborative relationship OR The U.S. is trying to prevent China from becoming a great power.

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Public increasingly agrees the U.S. should take an active role in China-Taiwan relations

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: China-Taiwan relations is a strategic issue in U.S.-China relations.

- **2007:**
  - Disagree: 50%
  - Agree: 46%
  - Not Sure: 4%

- **2012:**
  - Disagree: 25%
  - Agree: 63%
  - Not Sure: 12%

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - Disagree: 22%
  - Agree: 77%
  - Not Sure: 1%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - Disagree: 28%
  - Agree: 73%
  - Not Sure: 0%

Note: The 2007 version of this question read: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: The US should take an active role in China-Taiwan relations.
Political Outlook

Consistent opposition to military intervention in China-Taiwan affairs

**BASE QUESTION:** If a declaration of independence by Taiwan leads to military hostilities with China, do you think the American public should support U.S. military intervention?

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Note: The 2007 version of question read: If a declaration of independence by Taiwan leads to military hostilities, should the US intervene on behalf of Taiwan?
Political Outlook

Chinese Americans less likely than the general public to expect open conflict in next ten years

BASE QUESTION: How likely is a military conflict involving the U.S. and China in the next ten years — very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

2016 - General Public
- Very Likely: 10%
- Somewhat Likely: 42%
- Not Sure: 37%
- Somewhat Unlikely: 1%
- Very Unlikely: 10%

2016 - Chinese Americans
- Very Likely: 10%
- Somewhat Likely: 32%
- Not Sure: 1%
- Somewhat Unlikely: 43%
- Very Unlikely: 15%
Political Outlook

U.S. and China are equally blamed for lack of international cyber-hacking prevention efforts

BASE QUESTION: Is the [Chinese/American] government doing enough to prevent international cyber-hacking?

“**The Chinese** government is doing enough to prevent cyber-hacking”

80% Yes, 19% No

“**The American** government is doing enough to prevent cyber-hacking”

75% Yes, 25% No
Support for Chinese investment in the U.S. has softened, but a majority still says it should be encouraged

**BASE QUESTION:** How much should the United States encourage Chinese investment in the U.S.?

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**BASE QUESTION:** How much should the United States encourage Chinese investment in the U.S.?
Investment

Americans are divided on the motivations of Chinese investors; Chinese Americans see these investments as being driven by financial opportunity.

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate which of the following statements comes closest to your view about Chinese investment in the U.S.

- **2016 – General Public**
  - 48%: Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to **increase China’s influence** on the U.S.
  - 50%: Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the **financial opportunities** those investments present.

- **2016 – Chinese Americans**
  - 30%: Chinese investors are buying up American companies and resources to **increase China’s influence** on the U.S.
  - 68%: Chinese investors are attracted to the U.S. by the **financial opportunities** those investments present.

- Not Sure
Investment

Americans are more likely in recent years to say that increased investment in China will hurt the U.S. economy

BASE QUESTION: Other than buying U.S. Treasury bills, do you think increased investment from China in the U.S. will:

- Help U.S. Economy: 43% (2012), 51% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Improve U.S.-China Relationship: 36% (2012), 31% (2016 - General Public), 44% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Create National Security Concerns: 38% (2012), 32% (2016 - General Public), 27% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Hurt U.S. Economy: 33% (2012), 39% (2016 - General Public), 20% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Create Jobs: 23% (2012), 26% (2016 - General Public)
- Lose Jobs: 30% (2012), 16% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Have no Positive or Negative Impact: 22% (2012), 14% (2016 - General Public), 17% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Some Other: 9% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Not Sure: 10% (2016 - General Public), 1% (2016 - Chinese Americans)

*Note: In 2012, “some other” and “not sure” were options presented to all respondents. In 2016, it had to be explicitly called out by the respondent.
Trade

Americans expect increased investment to strengthen US-China political connections

BASE QUESTION: Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statements below. Investments between the U.S. and China will result in:

- Simulation of domestic economy in both US and China
- Closer ties between national governments in Washington, DC and Beijing
- Closer ties between American and Chinese regional and local governments
- Increased Chinese purchase of US Treasury bonds
- Loss of US technological advantage to a competitor
- Risk of America losing control over its own economy

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Most Americans say Chinese investment in Hollywood is positive, although support is lower than support for investment broadly.

**BASE QUESTION:** How do you feel about Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry? Is it very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

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The Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry is mostly seen as an advantage; with Chinese control and influence being the top disadvantages.

**BASE QUESTION:** Please explain why you view Chinese investment in Hollywood’s film industry as being [previous answer]?
Trade
# Trade

As more Americans see economic threat on the horizon, fewer think of China as a partner

**BASE QUESTION:** How do you view China’s emergence as a global economic power — as a serious threat to the U.S., a potential threat, no threat, or as an economic partner of the U.S.?

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A slowing Chinese economy is viewed as potentially damaging to the U.S. economy.

**BASE QUESTION:** How do you view the effect of a slowing Chinese economy on the U.S. economy - will it have a positive effect, negative effect, or no effect?

**2016 - General Public:**
- Very Positive Effect: 7%
- Somewhat Positive Effect: 28%
- No Effect: 21%
- Somewhat Negative Effect: 37%
- Very Negative Effect: 6%

**2016 - Chinese Americans:**
- Very Positive Effect: 6%
- Somewhat Positive Effect: 28%
- No Effect: 20%
- Somewhat Negative Effect: 42%
- Very Negative Effect: 5%
Trade
Americans say they have low confidence in Chinese products, but 8 in 10 Americans say trade with China is beneficial

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statements below.
Trade

Americans are firmly opposed to outsourcing, although intensity of this view has softened

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The U.S. should not outsource manufacturing jobs to China even if eliminating outsourcing results in higher prices for U.S. consumers.

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Respondents find both countries’ governments, but particularly the U.S., responsible for the U.S. trade deficit with China

**BASE QUESTION:** Who do you think is most responsible for the U.S.’s trade deficit with China—The U.S. government or the Chinese government?

- **U.S. Government**
- **Chinese Government**
- **Both**
- **Neither**
- **Not Sure**

**Note:** In 2016, “both” was an option presented to all respondents. In previous years it had to be explicitly called out by the respondent.
China’s Rise & Implications
China’s Rise & Implications
Expectations for economic development to lead to social change in China have softened

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: China’s growing middle class could contribute to social change.

- **Strongly Agree**
- **Somewhat Agree**
- **Somewhat Disagree**
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China’s Rise & Implications

Fewer Americans agree that China’s growing middle class could contribute to political change.

**BASE QUESTION:** Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements: China’s growing middle class could contribute to political change.

- **Strongly Agree**
- **Somewhat Agree**
- **Somewhat Disagree**
- **Strongly Disagree**

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Chinese Americans more aware of South China Sea disputes than general public

**BASE QUESTION:** How familiar are you with the current situation in the South China Sea where China, Vietnam, the Philippines and several other Asian countries have overlapping claims in the resource-rich sea?

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China’s Rise & Implications
General public split on implications of South China Sea disputes

**BASE QUESTION:** Do you believe that the situation in the South China Sea is a regional issue that should be resolved by the nations that are involved, or is it an international issue that should be resolved by the US?

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - 48% believe it is an international issue.
  - 46% believe it is a regional issue.

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - 52% believe it is an international issue.
  - 54% believe it is a regional issue.
China’s Rise & Implications
Strong expectation for Chinese Americans to side with the U.S. on U.S.-China disputes

**BASE QUESTION:** Generally speaking, when it comes to economic/military issues between the United States and China, in your view, are Chinese Americans more likely to support the U.S. or China?

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Environment
Environment
Climate change is consistently top-of-mind

**BASE QUESTION:** How much do you personally worry about climate change—a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

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- **Not at all**
- **Only a little**
- **A fair amount**
- **A great deal**
The majority of respondents believe the Chinese government is doing a poor job at handling environmental issues.

**BASE QUESTION:** How would you rate the Chinese government’s performance in handling environmental issues?

- **2007:**
  - Poor: 50%
  - Fair: 30%
  - Good: 11%
  - Excellent: 9%

- **2012:**
  - Poor: 51%
  - Fair: 28%
  - Good: 11%
  - Excellent: 9%

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - Poor: 45%
  - Fair: 32%
  - Good: 17%
  - Excellent: 5%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - Poor: 55%
  - Fair: 25%
  - Good: 16%
  - Excellent: 5%
The majority of respondents believe the U.S. government is doing a fair job at handling environmental issues.

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Overall Impressions

Jobs, terrorism, and politics are preeminent concerns in this election year

BASE QUESTION: What are the three most important issues facing the U.S. today?

- Jobs and the Economy
- Politics / Government / Campaign Finance Reform
- War / Peace / Foreign Policy
- Health Care / Insurance / Prescription Drugs
- Government Budget / Spending / Deficit
- Immigration
- Welfare / Child Care / Homelessness / Poverty
- Environment
- Racism
- Education / Schools
- Crime / Drugs / Violence
- National Security
- Utility Rates / Gas Prices / Energy Consumption

2007 2012 2016 - General Public 2016 - Chinese Americans
Most respondents believe the American and Chinese joint climate change agreement is a step in the right direction, but not ambitious enough.
Domestic Views
Two in five Americans believe Chinese Americans pose a security threat

**BASE QUESTION:** Many Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans work for the U.S. government and U.S. companies as researchers, scientists, and engineers. Do you think these individuals pose a security risk to the U.S.?
Domestic Views

More than half say Chinese Americans and immigrants face discrimination at work

BASE QUESTION: Do you think Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans face discrimination at work in the U.S.?
Domestic Views

Americans see the impact of U.S. culture on China as favorable

BASE QUESTION: Would you say the impact of U.S. culture on China has been very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable or has it had no impact?
Domestic Views

2016 respondents align with previous years by saying that having a happy family is their top personal goal.

**BASE QUESTION:** Which of the following comes closest to your current personal goal in life?

- To have a happy family: 72% (2007), 74% (2012), 63% (2016 - General Public), 56% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- To live as I like: 38% (2007), 33% (2012), 48% (2016 - General Public), 49% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- To have a successful career: 23% (2007), 30% (2012), 22% (2016 - General Public), 26% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- To work on behalf of society: 15% (2007), 25% (2012), 12% (2016 - General Public), 15% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- To get rich: 8% (2007), 8% (2012), 10% (2016 - General Public), 12% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- To enhance social status: 3% (2007), 6% (2012), 3% (2016 - General Public), 8% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
- Other: 4% (2007), 4% (2012), 2% (2016 - General Public), 2% (2016 - Chinese Americans)
**Domestic Views**

English language media is more popular than Chinese language media; Chinese language television is the most popular source of Chinese language media.

**BASE QUESTION:** From which sources do you get your news about China? Please select all that apply.
Domestic Views

Respondents are increasingly unaware of the accuracy of U.S. portrayals in Chinese media

**BASE QUESTION:** Do you think that the Chinese news media generally portrays an accurate picture of the U.S.?

- **2007:**
  - No: 63%
  - Not Sure: 24%
  - Yes: 14%

- **2012:**
  - No: 54%
  - Not Sure: 28%
  - Yes: 17%

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - No: 44%
  - Not Sure: 43%
  - Yes: 12%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - No: 48%
  - Not Sure: 32%
  - Yes: 21%
Domestic Views

**Americans are split over whether the U.S. media covers China fairly**

**BASE QUESTION:** Now, thinking about the U.S. news media, do you think this generally portrays an accurate picture of China?

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Domestic Views

Neither the general public nor Chinese Americans think that Chinese entertainment programs portray an accurate picture of the U.S.

**BASE QUESTION:** Do you think that Chinese entertainment programs, such as movies and television shows, generally portray an accurate picture of the U.S.?

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - Yes: 27%
  - Not Sure: 1%
  - No: 73%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - Yes: 28%
  - Not Sure: 2%
  - No: 70%
Domestic Views

Chinese Americans were more likely to say that American entertainment programs do not portray an accurate picture of China

**BASE QUESTION:** Now, thinking about American entertainment programs, such as movies and television shows, do you think this generally portrays an accurate picture of China?

![Bar chart showing responses to the base question for 2016 - General Public and 2016 - Chinese Americans.](chart.png)
Domestic Views

Chinese Americans are twice as likely as other Americans to have watched a Chinese movie or television show

**BASE QUESTION:** Have you ever watched a Chinese movie or television show?

### 2016 – General Public

- **40%**

### 2016 – Chinese Americans

- **84%**
Domestic Views
A majority of those who have seen Chinese art have more positive views as a result

**BASE QUESTION:** Have you ever seen Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition?
**BASE QUESTION:** Did seeing Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition give you a more favorable or less favorable perception of China? Or did it not make an impact on how you view China?

50% of Americans have seen Chinese art in a gallery or exhibition

- 26% say this gave them a more favorable view of China
- 20% say this did not change their view of China
- 4% say this gave them a less favorable view of China
Domestic Views

More Americans are visiting China than in previous years

**BASE QUESTION:** Have you ever visited mainland China?

- 2007: 94% Yes, 6% No
- 2012: 93% Yes, 6% No
- 2016 - General Public: 88% Yes, 11% No
- 2016 - Chinese Americans: 68% Yes, 33% No
Domestic Views
Over half of Americans who have gone to mainland China say they have a more favorable impression after visiting.

**BASE QUESTION:** After visiting mainland China, is your impression of China more favorable, less favorable, or was there no change?

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Domestic Views

One-third of Americans who have traveled to China did so as part of a study abroad program

**BASE QUESTION:** Have you participated in a study abroad or educational exchange program in China?

- **2016 - General Public:**
  - Yes: 96%
  - No: 4%

- **2016 - Chinese Americans:**
  - Yes: 89%
  - No: 11%
Domestic Views

Three in four Americans are unaware if Chinese is being taught in their local schools

BASE QUESTION: Do you know if Chinese is being taught in your local schools?
**Domestic Views**

**Most Americans support teaching Chinese in school**

**BASE QUESTION:** Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to teach Chinese in school?

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<td>96%</td>
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Legend:
- **Bad Idea**
- **Not Sure**
- **Good Idea**
Domestic Views

The majority of Americans say they would want their child to learn Chinese, but opposition has increased.

BASE QUESTION: If Chinese were being offered in schools in your area, would you want your child to take Chinese?
Appendix
Respondent Demographics
2016 - General Public

AGE
- 18-24: 13%
- 25-34: 17%
- 35-44: 18%
- 45-54: 18%
- 55-64: 16%
- 65+: 17%

INCOME
- Less than $15,000: 10%
- $15,000-$49,999: 34%
- $50,000-$99,999: 33%
- $100,000-$149,999: 16%
- $150,000-$199,999: 3%
- $200,000-$249,999: 2%
- $250,000+: 1%

REGION
- Northeast: 22%
- Midwest: 21%
- South: 33%
- West: 24%

ETHNICITY
- White or Caucasian: 70%
- Black or African-American: 12%
- Hispanic or Latino: 12%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 4%
- Native American: 1%

EDUCATION
- Less than High School: 1%
- Some High School: 3%
- High School Graduate: 20%
- Completed Some College: 25%
- Associate's Degree: 11%
- Bachelor's Degree: 24%
- Completed Some Graduate School: 4%
- Post-Graduate Degree: 12%

GENDER
- Female: 53%
- Male: 47%
Respondent Demographics
2016 - Chinese Americans

- **AGE**
  - 18-24: 14%
  - 25-34: 17%
  - 35-44: 21%
  - 45-54: 17%
  - 55-64: 16%
  - 65+: 8%

- **INCOME**
  - Less than $15,000: 2%
  - $15,000-$49,999: 15%
  - $50,000-$99,999: 34%
  - $100,000-$149,999: 33%
  - $150,000-$199,999: 3%
  - $200,000-$249,999: 7%
  - $250,000+: 4%

- **REGION**
  - Northeast: 28%
  - Midwest: 7%
  - South: 14%
  - West: 52%

- **ETHNICITY**
  - White or Caucasian: 100%
  - Black or African-American: 1%
  - Hispanic or Latino: 2%
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 41%
  - Native American: 4%

- **EDUCATION**
  - Less than High School: 1%
  - Some High School: 15%
  - High School Graduate: 7%
  - Completed Some College: 12%
  - Associate's Degree: 7%
  - Bachelor's Degree: 41%
  - Completed Some Graduate School: 30%
  - Post-Graduate Degree: 1%
  - Not Sure: 4%

- **GENDER**
  - Female: 55%
  - Male: 45%