Causes of Intense Sino-America Relations in the 21st century: Multi-Perspective Analysis

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Abstract. The Sino-America relations is changing constantly, but not in a specific instant. From 1949 to 1972, The United State of America start to embargo to People's Republic of China. It is a beginning of the relationship between China and America go to deteriorate slowly. American government also imposed policies to limit visa issue [1] of the most of Chinese officials and some national company and strict control visa for Chinese visitors. This increases the ossification between America and China. In addition, during the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Ukraine shows a pro-American position and Chinese government has relatively peaceful relationship with the Russia in order to against the American hegemony. Thus, this situation aggravated the intense situation between China and America indirectly. Furthermore, people start make the emotion of disgust for opposite country, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs express agree for people. Then, Taiwan issue became a sensitive topic for China. The Chinese government has been making efforts to resolve the Taiwan Strait issue peacefully. However, American officials' visit to Taiwan which never notify China and provide weapons for China. This action thoroughly infuriated China and Chinese Air Force went to China's airspace around the Taiwan at the first time and issued a warning. The reason is principle of insist only one China is a precondition for build relationship. American officials' visit to Taiwan which mean against that in public.

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1. Introduction

Nancy Pelosi, the spokeswoman of House of Representatives of the United State, started to visit Asian countries on the 29th of July in 2022. In her schedule, Taiwan is one of her destinations. Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave serious statement, "On 2 August, in disregard of China's strong opposition and serious representations, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi visited China's Taiwan region [2]. This is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués" [3]. The Statement by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Pelosi's visit to Taiwan shows China's tough attitude on inviolable sovereignty of the People's Republic of China. In the US, a March 2022 Chicago Council survey, 57 percent of Americans said China's development as a world power was a critical threat to U.S. vital interests. That's a big jump from 38 percent in January 2020, the last time we asked the question[4]. The major public opinion in American society looks China as one of the biggest threats to the dominating position of the USA. The conflict between China and US is happening more frequently since the 21st century. The South China Sea plane collision is the first direct conflict between China and the US. In the last several years, the conflicts became more intense. The conflicts and counter measures appeared in different fields including but not limited to economy, culture and military force. The South China Sea Crisis happened in 2016 gives evidence to the anabatic Sino-US relationship as a serious military conflict. After this, the Sino-US trade war also shows competition between China and US in a economic aspect. According to Carl Schmitt, the political is about the friend and enemy as the indicators. The authors evaluated the position of related countries and other third-party nations by this theory, friend-enemy distinction. In addition to this, the authors also utilized Michel Foucault's

investigation of sovereign power and disciplinary power and Max Weber's theory on sorts of ground of legitimacy in order to analyze the difference between Chinese domestic society and that of the US. This thesis is aiming to evaluate the situation of international relationship between China and the US and the reason which made the situation more intense and competing.

2. Analyzing the international relationship between China and the U.S. - Perspective from China

2.1 Foundation of the People's Republic of China

Max Weber's theory will be mentioned for answering the question of the foundation of the People Republic of China. After the First Opium War happened in 1840, China became a semi-feudal and semi-colonial country. The old China suffered a problematic situation with endless wars and armed conflicts. Finally, in 1949, the People Republic of China was funded. And this discussion is about the domination of in initial PRC. According to Max Weber's legitimate domination theory, legitimate domination is a kind of domination that people obey willingly and voluntarily, without force or award [5]. For PRC, there is a part of domination that is legitimate domination. The first authority included in legitimate domination is the legal authority, which is based on constitutions or laws [6]. In 1949, the government published the first temporary constitution, and in 1954, and the government published the first formal constitution. It is certain that the legal authority included in the domination, and the other is charismatic authority. Of course, the first chairman called, Mao Zedong , was one of the most charming people at that time. History really proves that he did have charismatic authority in his domination. Mao even said: "Chinese have a cult of personality, and also need a cult of personality [7]." Stuart· R· Schram noted "Chinese people took a further step to another direction, which has no relation with Marxism [8]." There was also non-legitimate domination in the initial PRC, for example, the period of The Cultural Revolution. During the Cultural Revolution, a lot of intellectuals are not willingly obeyed because the Chinese government forced them to labor and deprived their fundamental rights. In conclusion, the domination of China contains the legitimate domination, and also the non-legitimate one. The legal authority and the charismatic authority included in legitimate domination.

2.2 The tool used to dominate Chinese people

China is an unusual country, not only because China is now the second largest economy in the world, but also because one of the few countries' guiding ideologies is Marxism. From that, talking about Michel Foucault's disciplinary power theory is needed. According to this theory, disciplinary power is an extraordinary power used in modern times. It is also a kind of technology of power intervention, training and surveillance, but also the means of producing knowledge [9]. There are two crucial disciplinary power influencing Chinese furtherly. The one is Confucianism, another one is Marxism. The Confucianism and Marxism are two powerful tools to normalize people. In the pre-Qin dynasty, Confucianism widely spread in ancient China. Confucianism still have a big effect on Chinese currently. For example, the thought of unification affected a lot of Chinese for "Taiwan has been a part of China's territory from ancient times. Every claim that Taiwan is an independent country violates Chinese territorial integrity and sovereignty is intolerable [10]. But for many reasons, Taiwan has been separated from the mainland for many years. A large number of Chinese people want government to unify the whole country. Marxism, which is also a kind of disciplinary power, emphasizes collectivism. It is usual for Chinese people to abandon personal rights and freedom to protect collective interests. Chinese people are educated that community well over the individual, which makes some people will give up personal interest when personal interest conflicts with the collective interest. It is almost a kind of tradition for Chinese people.

2.3 Friend and enemy of China

The international relationship between China and other countries is significant. It is necessary to mention the theory from Carl Schmitt's theory about the political. Carl Schmitt noted that the political is the relationship between friends and enemies. Chinese policies of diplomacy are all based on Carl's theory. The main way for the Chinese to identify friend and enemy is the interest. The interest included the freedom of development, the independence of culture, territorial integrity and sovereignty are intolerable and something else. For example, when PRC was just established, the Soviet Union helped China with lots of items such as technology, weapons. The Chinese people appreciated the Soviet Union. But when came 1967, the Soviet Union army invaded and harassed the treasure island, which made the relationship between China and the Soviet Union tense. From that on, China recognized that the Soviet Union was not a reliable ally, so it turned to America for help. At that time, China and America had a same enemy that is Soviet Union, so they stayed closed with each other for mutual interest. They finally published a joint bulletin which signed they established diplomatic relation. They entered a honeymoon period, which means they were friends at that time. But now, with the collapse of the bipolar system, the relationship between China and America changed. With Chinese high-speed development, the tension between China and America is more palpable. Losing the same enemy makes a huge gap for China and American to return to normal contact.

3. Analyzing the international relationship between China and the U.S. - Perspective from the U.S.

Base on the investigation, the most American consider Chinese political system is the biggest problem which American unlike it [11]. But we have to accept American have most voice for human rights. As we know, America is the most freedom country, such as using gun is legal, judge politician intellectually, and vote more directly. The famous example is we have heard some child tease Donald John Trump on the TikTok. Another example is American political system-people can decide would support who to be president through vote the state.

On the contrary, American thinking prove Foucault theory, using a kind of law limit people's freedom. Government is symbol of disciplinary power in the society. It takes people to follow normal life, making influence at the detail of people' life. Therefore, their privacy life will expose to public and everyone similar a nude to face to others. Nonetheless, the camera decreases the possible of the crime rate in a way and help the traffic police to concert traffic. We need to accept China have strong cohesion, conversely, we also need to pay attention to disciplinary power effect our life and limit us at everywhere. Finally, Theone of the ten people approves this in the reach.

On other hand, traditional opinion also is a form of disciplinary power. It limits the people's mind within a range too and set a basic idea for people. For example, homosexuality is not legal in China. Humanity cannot be suppressed because of traditional ideas, and China should not inherit all of its traditions as an excuse. Any sexual orientation is not a fault and that it is sexism and gender inequality, plus if that is a wrong, the cause is DNA or the bad memories. They cannot go against self-nature, but society must contain disparate personalities. The Chinese view says we are traditional, we have a 5000 year history of patriarchal society – males can get married with hundreds of wives, therefore more wives symbioses more power and wealth, but females must follow their husband all the time. Why do they need to get married to many women? The effect of females is to extend a bloodline – repopulate the earth. If there are no boys in a family, the significance is that the family becomes extinct, and homosexuality cannot reach the requirement of extending a bloodline. This also can be expressed in the traditional view that females should be humble and that is a discrimination for female. Conversely, males are seen as noble, if males had consensual sexual relationships or were raped, this means their dignity was denied and trampled upon. So, those all explain homosexuality as dirty and disgusting and, they even write these freak traditional historical opinion in children's textbooks. A

wrong thing cannot be made right by popular opinion. So, knowledge which is taught from child to adult and truth from textbooks can limit our freedom too.

The second reason is American think China to be strong fast. Chinese think America and western country is on the wane, but in an arrogant way, they refuse to acknowledge their decline. However, American think this conclusion is absurd and China is overconfidence, and radical parties in America think we need economic sanctions China and call on Asian neighbors isolate China in order to make a large hurt to China. This hurting is difficult to recover at short time for China. This view overstates China's vulnerability, understates the costs to the United States, and greatly overstates the willingness of other countries to join the anti-Beijing movement. China's neighbors do not want it to dominate them and are eager to maintain ties with Washington, but they do not want to be dragged into violent conflict [12]. Russia and China show a supportive attitude for each other. Therefore, American thinking is not realistic. Last but not least, this game is about division of power. So cold war is best choose between American and China.

4. Analyzing the international relationship between China and the U.S. - Perspective from the international society

4.1 Position of Third-Party Countries

4.1.1 Canada

After Nancy Pelosi, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, visited Taiwan, the Canadian Foreign Minister said the visitation should not be an excuse to aggravate the serious situation. In addition, Canada always has stable relationship and cooperations with the United States and it is clear that Canada is a friend of the United States from a political aspect. Therefore, Canada cannot stand in a opponent position of the United States.

4.1.2 Republic of Korea

The government of Republic of Korea gives its position after Nancy Pelosi went to Taiwan, that the South Korea is looking forward to a peaceful and steady way in order to maintain the stability of Taiwan Strait and South Korea is paying attention to the cross-strait relation watchfully because the stability and peace in the district is really important to maintain the prosperous development. South Korea is an ally of the US but also a close economic cooperation partner of People's Republic of China. These relationships led South Korea into a tough situation because it need American military support to defend the threats from its political enemy, the DPRK.

4.1.3 Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The DPRK government condemned Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan and South Korea visitation and calls her "the worst destroyer of international peace and stability" [13]. In Pelosi's visitation in South Korea, she visited the border between the South Korea and the DPRK. This operation makes the DPRK feel threatened in national security and strengthened hostility of the US to the DPRK. Furthermore, China is a close neighboring country to the DPRK and the "Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" is a strong evidence of Sino-DPRK relation that China is a political friend to the DPRK and this is a great factor affected the DPRK's position.

4.1.4 The United Kingdom

After Nancy Pelosi's plan to visit Taiwan is released, the Britain's House of Commons foreign affairs committee is planning a visit to Taiwan later this year – probably in November or early December – despite rising tensions in the region[14]. The UK is always a strategic partner of the USA in economics, military, culture and technology. Therefore, the UK will adopt similar policy to visit Taiwan and build up informal ties with Taipei. London is strengthening its ties with Taiwan as it now regards China as a long-term threat to the UK. Officially, Britain continues to stick to its "one-China

policy", which recognizes Beijing as the sole legal government of China, but it keeps ties with Taiwan on an unofficial level [15].

4.2 International Factors Stimulated Sino-America Conflict Since the 21st Century

The South China Sea Plane Crash occurred on April 1st in 2001 led to the first military conflict between China and the US. This incident intensified the tension in the South China Sea district and also deteriorate the Sino-America relationship. The South China Sea crisis in 2016 aggravated the intense situation even more and almost escalate the conflict in to a regional war. Besides, the industries which are labour-intensive from developed countries were transferred into China since the beginning of the 21th Century in a large scale because of the advantage in cost of Chinese developing industry. In this context, the huge trade deficitreached-418,232.9 million dollars was occurred in the US-China trade in goods in 2018, which aggravated the US-China trade war since 2018 [16].

4.3 Effects made by Sino-America Conflict

Because the rapid development of China, the dominating position of Capitalist Countries is being affected, therefore the Capitalist Countries have their common target to limit the development of China. The enemy is the forces which can threatened the sovereignty of a nation.In this case, the conflict between China and the US will also affect other countries who are involved in this situation. Geopolitically, the more strict limitation from the US accelerated the polarization of global society. The reason is, a myriad of nations who have political relations to the US or China have to recognize which is the enemy and stand in an appropriate position. Regionally, because of the competition in China and the US, some officials and part of the public in Taiwan tends to be pro-American and promote Taiwan independence.

5. Conclusion

After the founding of the People Republic of China in 1949, China joint the socialist camp. China and the United States were hostile to each other, and the United States implemented a comprehensive blockade and isolation policy against China. After launching the "Ping-Pong diplomacy" in 1971, Kissinger and US President Nixon visited China. China and United States had a tentative contact and signed the "Sino US Joint Communique". After Deng Xiaoping visited United States, the US and China carried out cooperation in many fields. On the whole, the relations between China and United States have been eased to a certain extent. On January 1st 1979, China and the United States formally established diplomatic relations. The United States agreed to completely end its formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan. However, because of a conflict of interest, the relationship between China and United States has moved from cooperation to antagonism. After Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan in 2 August 2022, Sino US relations have become tenser.

China usually wants to ease the relationship with US and makes effort for that, but sometimes it doesn't make sense. After the trade war happened in 2018 China's Foreign Ministry spokesman said that: "Maintaining the long-term, healthy and stable development of China US relations is not only in the fundamental interests of the two peoples, but also the common expectation of the international community. [17]". United States sometimes makes the situation worse. For example, US started a trade war in 2018, and in an interview with Fox cable news, US President Donald Trump claimed that the United States may cut off the entire US China relationship, thus saving the United States $500 billion [18]. Though US takes hawkish attitude towards China, the office of the United States trade representative announced that it would resume the exemption of 352 imported goods from China from additional tariffs in March 23 2022[19]. This situation shows that the relationship between China and US is not Irreconcilable. Except some countries support China or US, a lot of countries waver between US and China because they search for more interest.

The relationship between China and United States has changed a lot since 1949. There are some people think that there will be a new cold war between China and United States, but others think that

there is not just one solution, China and United States will have further cooperation and have closer relationship.

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