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AMERICA'S CHANCE TO EXPLOIT THE CCP'S FAILURES

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has spun a narrative that China is destined for dominance—a narrative that many inside and outside China have accepted uncritically.

But AEI scholars' research on China paints a different picture.

At home, China's economy is slowing and unsteady. Its political system is becoming more fragile, and the CCP is growing less tolerant of dissent. **Abroad**, international opposition to Beijing's aggression is growing.

America cannot sit back and wait for the CCP to stumble. A weakening China could be less predictable and its leaders more prone to lash out. **The US must work with its allies to strengthen its position and guard against an increasingly vulnerable China.**

The US must capitalize on China's vulnerabilities in four areas:



Economic. Fight China's predatory economic policies by sharply curbing US dependence on China. Seek alternative markets for both vital goods and corporate revenue.



Diplomatic. Confront Chinese coercive practices, and leverage its aggression abroad to tighten alliances and enhance trade.



Defense. Stabilize the military balance in Asia by investing in critical defense capabilities. Undermine Chinese efforts to coerce the Taiwanese government, and deter the CCP from attacking Taiwan.



Democratic. Counter China's erosion of human rights by working with friends across the world to call out its actions in Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong, and elsewhere.

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