Foreign Policy Making in China

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Would they make the same foreign policy?
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Why do Chinese esteem reformers?
Reform of Diplomacy

- Promoting reform and innovation in diplomatic work
  (The first time since 1978)
- Top design of diplomatic activities
  (Silk belt & Maritime silk road)
- Coordination of various departments
  (National Security Council)
- Initiation of diplomacy
  (AIIB, Asian security concept, China-Latin America Summit)
- Making full use of our own advantage
  (Asia-Pacific Freed Trade Agreement)
From KLP to SFA

- **Strategic objectives**
  Economic Development *VS* National Rejuvenation

- **Basic guideline**
  Peaceful Environment *VS* Good neighborhood
  (Intimate, sincere, benefiting and tolerant)

- **Overall layout**
  Priority to America *VS* surrounding countries
  (Silk Road economic belt and the Marine Silk Road)

- **Working roadmaps**
  Business and mutual trust *VS* finding the common interests,
  upholding right moral and profit ideas, aiding developing countries

- **Schemes**
  Bilateral economic cooperation *VS* Community of destinies
  (Security cooperation with surrounding countries)
The role of political strength in Comprehensive National Power

Hard Power
(Military + Economy + Culture) x Politics

Soft Power

Resources of Power

Operating power
Determining Factors

- **Policy orientation defined by Political morality & capability**
  (Humane authority, Hegemony, Tyranny)
  (Aggressive, enterprising, preserving, inactive)

- **National interests defined by International status & environment**
  (Supper power, major power, sub-regional power, ordinary states)
  (Unipolar, bipolar, multipolar configuration)
Moral Realism

Power Status

Morality Level

National Interest

Political Leadership

Strategy Orientation

Success Failure

Model Reward

Penalty Norm

Change Change

Configuration System Change
The virtue of hegemonic leader and international order

- Ruler’s virtue
- Chief Ministers
- Change of power structure
- Type of International leadership
- Relations among major power
- International Order
Conclusion

- National interests are mainly decided by international environment & status.
- Foreign policy serves national interests.
- Different political leaders select different strategy to realize national interests.
- Leading power’s foreign policy shape the international norms.
- World order is conditioned mainly by power structure of major countries and international norms.
THANKS
A. Questions

- Did the Chinese government headed by Xi Jinping adjusted Chinese foreign policy?
- How do you judge whether or not a country changes its foreign policy?
- Can China rise peacefully?
B. Questions

- Why did China adopt the principle of Reform and Opening-up in 1978?
- What is the political implication of “reform” in Chinese politics?
- Why was reform forbidden in the domain of diplomacy after the cultural revolution?
- What do “reform” and “innovation” in Xi Jinping’s speech?
C. Questions

- What does Taoguang Yanghui mean in Chinese?
- Why does China adopt the strategy of Keeping a low profile?
- What is the major difference between Keeping a low profile and striving for achievement?
- Why do developing countries prefer non-alignment strategy?
- What international responsibility does the rest world want China to undertake?
D. Questions

- What factors have impact on China’s foreign policy making?
- How do you categorize political leadership?
- Are the current Chinese government and your government in the same category?
- How does the international status lever impact on foreign policy making?
- How does culture have impact on policy making?
- Does morality matter in policy making?
E. Questions

- Why does the international media report less about China than Russia?
- What news does the international media report more about China?
- What do you care most about China’s foreign policy?
- Do the people of your country have the similar view about China?
- What is the major difference between your view of China and the main stream in your country, if there is any?
F. Questions

- Does Chinese foreign policy serve China well?
- Does your country benefit or suffer from China’s foreign policy?
- Does the world as a general benefit or suffer from China’s foreign policy?
- What policy adjustment will you suggest to China?