

CCP and Xi Jinping's Leadership

American and Japanese Perceptions of
the Reemergence of China

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Major Tasks of CCP and Xi Jinping

Defend and develop “core interests” (Dai, 2010):

- 1) pol. system & pol. stability (leadership of the CCP; socialist system, socialism with Chinese characteristics)
- 2) sovereignty/security, territory, national unity
- 3) basic assurance of the sustainable development of the economy and society

Cf. One centre (economic construction) & two basic points (4 basic principles, reform & opening)

Xi's Government: “Red Second Generation” Administration

Red Second Generation (红二代):

Offspring of the revolutionaries

Holds identity as successor to the revolution

Strong sense of ownership of the system

Cf. Princelings (太子党):

Offspring of the revolutionaries

Holders of common pol. & econ. Interests

NB Xi Jinping's experience of Cultural Revolution:
that of successfully overcoming difficulties

Different Perspectives on High-level Politics: 2 Ideal Types

Institution school (制度学派)

sees high-level politics through institutions

Power struggle school (鬭争学派)

sees high-level politics as power struggle

E.g. Different interpretation of Hu Jintao's full retirement at the 18th Party Congress

Reality could be somewhere in between

Divisions in Leadership?

Open disagreements during Hu's administration suppressed under Xi's concentration of power

E.g. SOE reform; political reform; universal values; “low profile” (韬光养晦) foreign policy

NB Widening gap between the left and the right, and that is linked to external policy

<http://www.inxian.com/20110619/27417#more-27417>



Issues of Governance & Stability

Rule by law, and by force (Party leadership!)

Iron fists of Xi and Wang Qishan suppressing any dissident voices, in both Party and society—for the time being



People are changing, irrespective of their class
Stronger desire for equality, 'democracy', fairness

 “China Dream”—Will it work?

Many Chinese are worried about the future

Gift from Merkel to Xi Jinping (March 2014)

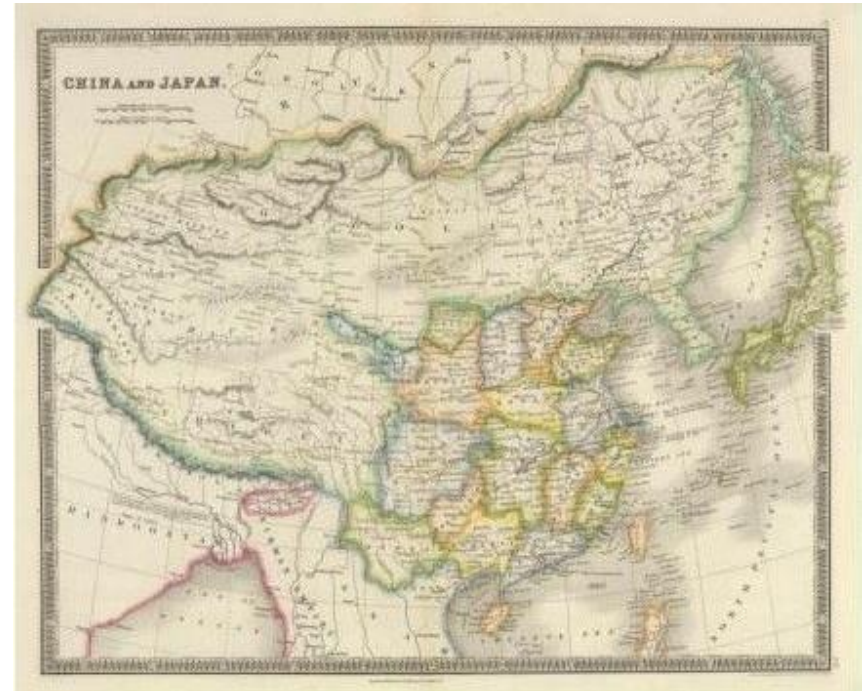
The real gift: map made in 1735

<http://news.sina.com.cn/c/2014-03-31/031029827894.shtml>



The "gift" in Xinhuanet.com

http://www.sd.xinhuanet.com/news/2014-03/31/c_1110029830_4.htm



People's Identity with the Socialist Core Values (Survey by Inst. of Sociology, CASS in Jun-Oct 2013)

1. Equality, 46.3%

2. Democracy,
42.4%

3. Wealth &
Strength, 40.9%

4. Civilization,
39.3%

4. Fairness &
Justice, 39.3%

6. Harmony, 36.5%

7. Respect for
Constitution, 23.7%

8. Patriotism,
23.5%