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## THE CHINA THREAT

The Chinese Communist Party's malign activity on U.S. soil is not new – they have been stealing our innovation, targeting enemies of the Party and trying to influence our elections for decades.

It is in China's enduring interest to engage in malign activities which ultimately benefit the Chinese Communist Party's goals of preserving domestic, political, and military stability.

China is capable of acquiring leap ahead technology on accelerated timelines due to their intellectual property theft from the U.S. This poses a potential for technical surprise.

China maintains a dominant place in the global rare earth supply chain which could frustrate the development of U.S. advanced weapons systems and sensors. Understanding these implications remains a challenge for the Intelligence Community (IC).

## BIDEN DISMANTLED THE CHINA INITIATIVE

The Trump Justice Department created the China Initiative in 2018 and indicted 130 individuals under the China Initiative for a broad swath of criminal activity.[1]

The Biden Administration is failing to take the China threat seriously, and have marginalized our tools to respond to the threat by shutting down the Department of Justice's China Initiative in February 2022.

The Biden Administration moved to dismiss charges in 7 cases during its first year in office. Five of those concerned People's Liberation Army officers who were undercover in the United States and accused of committing visa fraud to access U.S. research.

Since the Biden Administration shuttered the China Initiative, the Justice Department has stopped prosecuting visa fraud and research fraud cases.

## BIDEN IS WINDING DOWN OUR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES

The White House did not stop there – they are also winding down our missile defense systems.

The Pentagon reports that China is expanding its nuclear weapons capabilities faster than previously predicted and could increase the number of nuclear warheads its military has by 700 in less than six years. If the Pentagon report is accurate, this rapid expansion poses a challenge for the IC.

In April 2022, the Biden Administration ended the United States' anti-satellite testing which unilaterally strips ourselves of the option to increase our defense capabilities in space.

The Biden Administration's wind-down of our defense capabilities places our national security at risk and weakens our ability to respond to increased Chinese threats.

[1] MIT Technology Review's China Initiative Database, <https://airtable.com/shrQhBkuDPvEvig4h>