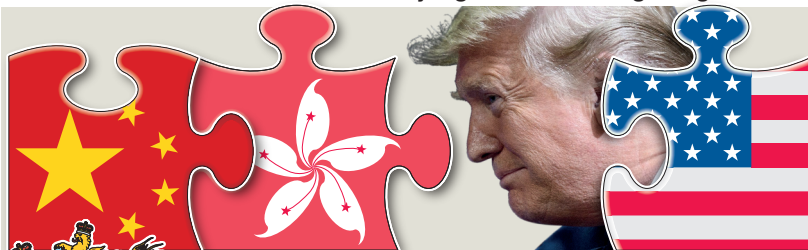


# China's gateway to West under threat

U.S. President Donald Trump has vowed a strong response to China's controversial national security legislation on Hong Kong



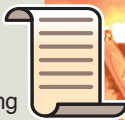
## 1840-42 Opium War:

Britain goes to war following Chinese crackdown on British opium trade. War's settlement forces China to cede Hong Kong to British

## 2020: Beijing's anti-secession law:

Will ban **treason**, **secession**, **secession** and **subversion**. Aimed at stamping out pro-democracy protests that have racked Hong Kong since June 2019

Jul 1997: Hong Kong is handed back to China under **one country, two systems** – concept to preserve island's role as global financial centre



## Options open to President Trump

**Trade:** Strip territory of U.S. preferential trade status – this could impact more than 1,300 U.S. companies and 85,000 American residents operating in Hong Kong

**Visas:** Cancel visas of thousands of graduate students affiliated with Chinese universities tied to People's Liberation Army



**Sanctions:** Against Hong Kong individuals involved in efforts to suppress protests, and officials in mainland China, including members of powerful Politburo

## U.S. trade with Hong Kong (2018 – latest data)

U.S. exports: \$50.1bn

Imports: \$16.8bn

Goods  
\$37.3bn

Services  
\$12.8bn

\$6.3bn

\$10.5bn