

U.S.-China troubled timeline

■ **Jan 19, 2017:** China's ruling Communist Party enshrines **President Xi Jinping's** (right) political thought into constitution, elevating him to level of founder of modern China, **Mao Zedong**



■ **Apr 2018:** Trump unveils plans for 25% tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese imports. **Cites alleged theft of U.S. technology and intellectual property (IP)**

■ **May-Jun:** North Korean leader **Kim Jong-un** (right) meets with Xi twice before and once after summit with Trump in Singapore. Meetings boost Beijing's role in shaping future of Korean Peninsula



■ **Oct 2018:** Vice President **Mike Pence** condemns Chinese military aggression in South China Sea

■ **Dec:** **Meng Wanzhou** (below), chief financial officer of Chinese telecom giant **Huawei**, is detained in Canada on U.S. extradition warrant. Meng and Huawei are charged with fraud and violating trade sanctions against Iran



■ **Jan 20:** **President Donald Trump** (below) inaugurated. Populist leader vows to shatter established order and restore America's lost greatness

■ **Mar 2018:** National People's Congress votes almost unanimously to abolish two-consecutive-term limit on presidency, opening way for Xi to rule for life

■ **Apr:** Detention of up to three million **Muslim Uighurs** in so-called "re-education centres" in Xinjiang



■ **Aug:** U.S. designates China a currency manipulator – slaps 15% tariffs on \$300 billion worth of Chinese imports

■ **Oct:** U.S. imposes visa ban on Chinese officials and communist party members over human rights abuses in Xinjiang

■ **Nov:** Trump signs **Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act** in support of protesters

■ **Jan 2020:** U.S. and China sign **Phase One** trade deal – Beijing commits to buying \$200bn worth of U.S. goods over two years. **Trump accuses China of spreading coronavirus**

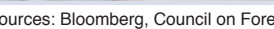
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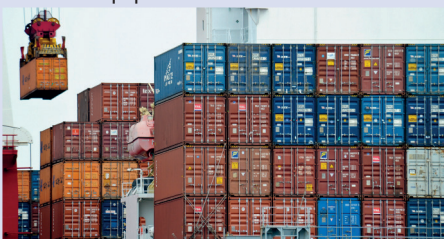
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■ **Aug 9-11:** U.S. health secretary **Alex Azar** (right) makes three-day visit to Taiwan – self-ruled island claimed by Beijing – further exacerbating ties with China



■ **Mar 2019:** Huawei sues United States. Trump launches aggressive campaign warning other countries not to use Huawei equipment to build 5G networks



■ **May:** Trump administration intensifies trade war, hiking tariffs from 10% to 25% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods. Administration bans U.S. companies from using Huawei equipment

■ **June-onwards:** Hong Kong sees start of anti-government and pro-democracy protests (left) – violent clashes over highly controversial plan to allow extradition to mainland China



■ **May 2020:** New U.S. export rules cut China off from international semiconductor supply chains

■ **Jul 1:** Beijing introduces new national security law for Hong Kong, opens intelligence bureau in territory

■ **Jul 5:** Two U.S. carrier strike groups, **USS Nimitz** and **USS Ronald Reagan** (above) enter South China Sea in rare show of force

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