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## **WRAY: CHINA CONTINUES TO 'LIE, CHEAT, AND STEAL' IN BID FOR TECH DOMINANCE**

*Kyle Alspach | Protocol | October 24, 2022*

FBI director Christopher Wray said Monday that newly disclosed charges against Chinese intelligence officers are the latest example of China's efforts to gain an unfair economic advantage over U.S. companies, particularly in the technology sphere. Two Chinese intelligence officers are accused of attempting to "obstruct, influence, and impede a criminal prosecution" of a China-based global telecommunications company, U.S. attorney general Merrick Garland said during a news conference Monday. The company was not identified. The complaint against the two intelligence officers was unsealed Monday in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Garland said. The Washington Post reported that the complaint's details mirror those of a case previously brought against Chinese telecom equipment giant Huawei. The federal government has for several years increased restrictions on sales and use of Huawei tech inside the U.S. and the company was indicted in 2020 on accusations of conspiring to steal trade secrets from U.S. businesses. During the news conference, Wray called the case further evidence of "the Chinese government's flagrant violation of international laws, as they work to project their authoritarian view around the world, including within our own borders."

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## **PENTAGON TO UNVEIL ZERO-TRUST CYBER STRATEGY**

*Colin Demarest | C4ISRNET | November 8, 2022*

The U.S. Department of Defense's zero-trust strategy will be published in the coming days, giving the public a fresh look at its plan to achieve a new level of cybersecurity. Pentagon Chief Information Officer John Sherman said Monday that he approved the plan "last Thursday" and it's now "going through the public review process." The documents, he said, should be out "very soon." The strategy will lay out the Pentagon's approach to realizing zero trust, which comprises more than 100 activities and so-called pillars, including applications, automation and analytics, to keep critical data secure. Zero trust is a new paradigm for cybersecurity, one that assumes networks are always at risk. As a result, continuous validation of users and devices is needed. The practice is often likened to "never trust, always verify" — or, as Sherman put it: "You truly trust no one or no thing." The pivot to active defense and inherent distrust comes after decades of investment in the Middle East, where U.S. troops confronted lesser-equipped forces and networks and communications were less at risk. Now, the U.S. faces China and Russia, cyber-savvy world powers with histories of digital aggressiveness.

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# THE ROLE OF US TECHNOLOGY IN CHINA'S PUBLIC SECURITY SYSTEM

Insikt Group® | Recorded Future | November 1, 2022

This report examines how public security entities in China acquire and use technology from companies based in the United States. The analysis draws heavily from Chinese government procurement records and industry exhibition documents, as well as other open-source materials. The report will be of most interest to researchers and activists who focus on human rights, policing, and technology, government agencies in the US and other countries that engage in export control or human rights work, and corporate personnel who carry out due diligence, corporate security, and compliance work. Information about the author, Zoe Haver, can be found at the end of this report. The public security system of the People's Republic of China regularly acquires and uses technology from companies in the United States. This system comprises the PRC Ministry of Public Security (MPS), the MPS' directly subordinate organizations, province-level public security departments, city-level public security bureaus, and the bulk of China's civilian police forces, among others.

Read the full article [here](#).

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## BEIJING'S LONG ARM: THREATS TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

*Statement of Matthew F. Pottinger, Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution and Chairman of the China Program at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies | Before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence | August 4, 2021*

Chairman Warner, Vice Chairman Rubio, I'd like to thank you and your fellow committee members for hosting a public hearing on this important topic. Many Americans were slow to realize it, but Beijing's enmity for the United States began decades ago. Ever since taking power in 1949, the ruling Chinese Communist Party (or "CCP") has cast the United States as an antagonist. Then, three decades ago, at the end of the Cold War, Beijing quietly revised its grand strategy to regard Washington as its primary external adversary and embarked on a quest for regional, followed by global, dominance. The United States and other free societies have belatedly woken up to this contest, and a welcome spirit of bipartisanship has emerged on Capitol Hill. But even this new consensus has failed to adequately appreciate one of the most threatening elements of Chinese strategy: the way it seeks to influence and coerce Americans, including political, business, and scientific leaders, in the service of Beijing's ambitions.

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## NSF OFFICIAL DISCUSSES CONCERNS SURROUNDING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SECURITY

*Shannon O. Wells | University Times by the University of Pittsburgh | November 3, 2022*

When it comes to balancing the protection of federally funded research from foreign interference while still keeping the door open to international collaboration, Rebecca Keiser likens herself to a certain former U.S. secretary of state. "Madeleine Albright used to say that she's an optimist who worries a lot. I have to say I feel like I'm in that same count," Keiser said. "I worry a lot because I feel like we're better than where we were in 2018. We're at a place where there isn't as much conversation about closing down big areas of research. "We are making sure that we include international collaboration in the conversation," she added. "We're aware that we have to avoid bias and xenophobia. What we haven't done, though, is fully characterize, define and address what the real risk is, because this is a new language." Keiser, chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy at National Science Foundation, shared these concerns and their potential implications during an Oct. 10 seminar in the William Pitt Union Lower Lounge. The NSF appointed Keiser to this newly created position in 2020.

Read the full article [here](#).



## CANADA IS SET TO REVEAL ITS CHINA STRATEGY. FOR A SNEAK PEEK, LOOK TO WASHINGTON

Alexander Panetta | CBC News | November 5, 2022

Canada's long-awaited strategy for dealing with China and the broader Indo-Pacific region might finally be released within days. It's taken a while. But two sources say the Trudeau government hopes to have the paper completed and out in public before the prime minister heads to Asia later this month. Advance clues of some of its themes, however, are available in a place where public officials have spent years obsessing over this issue: the United States. It's no accident that Canadian ministers have been travelling to Washington lately to talk about trading more with allies or even decoupling from China. It's a textbook example of preaching to the choir. Or, to stick with the musical metaphor, it's an example of singing from a common hymn book. Political Washington under the last few administrations has been increasingly seized with girding itself for a generation of competition with China. And the U.S. has made clear, for some time, that it's eager to know where Canada stands in the century's biggest geopolitical rivalry.

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## CHINESE OFFICERS CHARGED IN PLOT TO OBSTRUCT US HUAWEI PROBE

Eric Tucker and Nomaan Merchant | The Diplomat | October 25, 2022

Two men suspected of being Chinese intelligence officers have been charged with attempting to obstruct the U.S. criminal investigation and prosecution of Chinese tech giant Huawei, according to court documents unsealed Monday. The cases were announced at a news conference that featured the heads of both the FBI and the Justice Department, a rare joint presence reflecting a concerted American show of force against Chinese intelligence efforts. Washington has long accused Beijing of meddling in U.S. political affairs and stealing secrets and intellectual property. Eleven other Chinese have been charged with various offenses in cases, including harassment of individuals in the U.S., that FBI Director Christopher Wray said show that China's "economic assaults and their rights violations are part of the same problem.

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## HOW CHINA LOST AMERICA

Thomas L. Friedman | The New York Times | November 1, 2022

When future historians look back on 2022, they will have a lot to choose from when they ask the question: What was the most important thing that happened that year? Was it Brexit, Chexit, Ruxit or Trumpit? Was it the meltdown of the world's sixth-largest economy, Britain, fueled in part by its reckless 2020 exit from the European Union? Was it the demented attempt by Vladimir Putin to wipe Ukraine off the map, which has decoupled Russia from the West — what I call Ruxit — creating havoc with worldwide energy and food markets? Was it the near-total infection of the G.O.P. with Donald Trump's Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen — Trumpit — which is eroding our democracy's most cherished asset: our ability to peacefully and legitimately transfer power?

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