



Topic: China' Foreign Strategy and Japan Policy in the Cold War Era

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China's Japan policy not only need to address bilateral issues, but also need to serve its overall foreign strategy. China's foreign strategy in the Cold War era went through four phases, namely "lean to one side," anti-imperialist and anti-revisionist, align with the United States and resist the Soviet Union, and independent foreign policy of peace. Supporting world revolution, safeguarding national security, and developing foreign economic relations were the three major goals pursued in China's foreign policy during that time. The top priority goals in each phase determined the theme of China' Japan policy. In the first three phases, China's Japan policy was heavily influenced by the Cold War system and revolutionary ideology and did not achieve anticipated goals. It is only in the fourth phase that China's Japan policy found firmer and more durable strategic bases in a time of peace and development.