

## China - U.S. Relation

### What is the issue?

Relations between the world's two biggest powers, the U.S. and China, have been in constraint over the past five years amid the trade war

### What are the areas of conflict?

- **Trade** - US's trade deficit with China and accusation of unfair subsidies have constrained the relationship leading to trade war
- **Technology** - US has blacklisted seven Chinese supercomputer groups accusing them of aiding the China's military
- **Human rights** - Issues of human rights violation by China in Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Taiwan has been repeatedly highlighted by U.S.
- **South China Sea** - China's aggressive policy over South China Sea is a huge challenge for both U.S. and other island nations
- **Origin of COVID-19** - Accusations on China over the issues of origin of corona virus is still ongoing
- **Cyber attack** - U.S. along with EU accused Beijing of cyber attacks

### What are the demands from Chinese side?

- Unconditionally revoke the visa restrictions on Communist Party members
- Withdraw an extradition request for Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of tech firm Huawei who is on trial in Canada
- Change the stance on COVID-19 inquiry

### What are the recent developments in China - U.S. relation?

- U.S. has called for cooperation on climate change
- U.S. has sought Chinese cooperation in Afghanistan after its disastrous exit
- The recent 90-minute Xi-Biden telephonic conversation to mutually decide on areas of convergence and divergence
- There is a need for China and the U.S. to engage with each other without expecting quick results on all issues.

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