



STATEMENTS FROM AFPI'S LEADERSHIP

"China's unrelenting drive to displace America as the world's superpower is getting little if any meaningful pushback from the current administration. President Biden spends more time dismantling the U.S. fossil fuels industry than holding China accountable. The U.S. must be constantly vigilant over China's actions for IP theft and forced technology transfers. Meanwhile, American investors channel money to Chinese companies that afford no blue-chip investor protection but instead finance the Chinese military state. They should stop. AFPI's new China Policy Initiative exists to make sure policymakers, investors, and the American people never lose sight of the threat that is China and the failure that is this administration."

Larry Kudlow, Vice Chair of the Board and Chair, Center for American Prosperity

"The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has persistently and unapologetically launched political, economic, and cultural attacks that harm our Homeland and our people. They engage in active propaganda campaigns to misinform the American public, exploit our university system, abuse our free-market economy, coerce and bribe Americans to betray their country, steal hundreds of billions annually in intellectual property, through cyberattacks have stolen personal information on tens of millions of government employees, and have directly claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Americans from their synthetic drugs smuggled over our Southern border. The CCP does this with the long-term goal of remaking the world order in its own authoritarian image. That cannot happen, and the whole of the United States will ensure it doesn't."

The Honorable Chad Wolf, Executive Director, Chief Strategy Officer, Chair of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security

"China poses the leading nation-state threat to the American people and affects every aspect of Americans' daily life as well as long-term security and prosperity. This requires a systematic effort that includes and goes beyond the traditional military doctrine of deterrence, treating China as an urgent domestic and economic challenge. AFPI has pioneered new ground by precisely introducing this structure through the new China Policy Initiative, with Steve at its helm. I'm excited to join my colleagues in welcoming Steve and am looking forward to all the needed work we'll be doing together on this fight for the future of our Nation."

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chair, Center for American Security, and former National Security Advisor to President Trump and Vice President Pence

"We're excited for Steve to be joining AFPI and taking the lead on our China Policy Initiative. China and its ruling Communist Party pose the greatest national security threat to America today and the greatest threat to freedom worldwide since World War II. America's leaders in both the public and private sectors must get serious about combating and countering the CCP's aggression, and AFPI will continue to be at the forefront of developing the bold ideas needed to lead that effort."

The Honorable John Ratcliffe, Co-Chair, Center for American Security, and former Director of National Intelligence

“For America to be free and prosper, our Nation must be energy independent. Unfortunately, the current administration is determined to diminish America’s standing by weakening our ability to produce energy at home. As the threat of China is greater than ever before, we need American leadership to put America’s interests first. That’s why I am excited to work alongside AFPI’s China Initiative and fight for U.S. energy independence and the future of every American.”

The Honorable Rick Perry, Chair, Center for Energy Independence, and former Secretary of Energy

“The China Policy Initiative will be an important resource for state leaders to help hold the CCP accountable at every level of government. From efforts to ensure educational freedom at institutions of higher education to restricting state pension investments in Chinese companies, state leaders can play an important role in putting America First.”

The Honorable Doug Hoelscher, Chief Operating Officer

“As Reagan said, ‘freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.’ We must continue to fight for our freedom. It is the most important ingredient for our success and happiness. It is certainly worth our efforts to maintain it. It is also important to remember that our freedom can be taken away internally as well as outside forces.”

Coach Lou Holtz, Chair, Center for 1776

“COVID-19 revealed the extent of U.S. dependency on China for essential medicines and critical supplies, particularly active pharmaceutical ingredients and personal protective equipment. This vulnerability must be remedied. The U.S. needs resilient and secure supply chains with a focus on quality control and increased domestic production capabilities. The Center for a Healthy America looks forward to working with AFPI’s China Initiative to ensure the health and safety of Americans.”

Governor Bobby Jindal, Chair, Center for a Healthy America

“As Governor, I recognized and identified the threat of China to every state leader in the guise of economic development and research at our universities. The People’s Liberation Army realizes states can be open doors to our national security. We must shut it now.”

Governor Phil Bryant, Senior Advisor

“To compete with the rising threat of Communist China, America must elevate its standards and expectations of the educational quality of our children. We need to examine alternative forms of education for those struggling in their current academic environment, largely through parental school choice initiatives. It is of utmost importance that we discontinue the detrimental practice of indoctrinating our children with radical teachings and instead train them not only to be learners but, more importantly, to be thinkers. We must instill in the next generation of American leaders a love of God and a love of country.”

Scott Turner, Chair, Center for Education Opportunity