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# The Hundred-Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy To Replace America As The Global Superpower

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## Synopsis

One of the US government's leading China experts reveals the hidden strategy fueling that country's rise - and how Americans have been seduced into helping China overtake us as the world's leading superpower. For more than 40 years, the United States has played an indispensable role in helping the Chinese government build a booming economy, develop its scientific and military capabilities, and take its place on the world stage in the belief that China's rise will bring us cooperation, diplomacy, and free trade. But what if the "China dream" is to replace us, just as America replaced the British Empire, without firing a shot? Based on interviews with Chinese defectors and newly declassified, previously undisclosed national security documents, *The Hundred-Year Marathon* reveals China's secret strategy to supplant the United States as the world's dominant power and to do so by 2049, the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic. Michael Pillsbury, a fluent Mandarin speaker who has served in senior national security positions in the US government since the days of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, draws on his decades of contact with the "hawks" in China's military and intelligence agencies and translates their documents, speeches, and books to show how the teachings of traditional Chinese statecraft underpin their actions. He offers an inside look at how the Chinese really view America and its leaders - as barbarians who will be the architects of their own demise. Pillsbury also explains how the US government has helped - sometimes unwittingly and sometimes deliberately - to make this "China dream" come true, and he calls for the United States to implement a new, more competitive strategy toward China as it really is and not as we might wish it to be. *The Hundred-Year Marathon* is a wake-up call as we face the greatest national security challenge of the 21st century.

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Author Pillsbury is fluent in Mandarin and has been involved in U.S.-China government issues over a forty-year timespan. One of his central themes is that hawks in China have successfully persuaded that nation's leadership to view the U.S. as dangerous, and entity that it must replace. (Seems like the U.S. has the same view of China, as witnessed by our recent 'China pivot.')

In fact, two Chinese colonels have written a book recommending that China use 'asymmetrical warfare, including terrorism, to attack the U.S.' That book also referenced 'the Hundred-Year Marathon.' Obviously that would not be good for either China or the U.S. Thus, Pillsbury contends that we must rid ourselves of false assumptions about China. The biggest is that 'engagement' (eg. trade, cultural exchanges) would induce Beijing to both cooperate with the West on a wide range of policy problems, and to move down the road to democracy. Neither has proven true. A second - that China no longer embraces mercantilism; reality is that it maintains a system of high tariffs, maintains direct control of natural resources, and protects domestic manufacturing - all the while building up its monetary reserves. Pillsbury also insists that Americans realize that China has a strong interest in avenging a century of humiliation by the West - beginning with the Opium Wars. Reality is that China plans to supplant the West as the next global economic, military, and political power, and to accomplish that by 2049, 100 years after the CCP takeover of China. Further, this will be accomplished through stealth. ('Induce complacency to avoid alerting your opponent, manipulate your opponent's advisers, be patient - for decades or longer, to achieve victory, steal your opponent's ideas and technology for strategic purposes.

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