

Engaging with the World: Chinese Foreign Policy Decision Making

Session 8: Chinese Foreign Policy as the Extension of Domestic Politics, Public Opinion and the Military (II) (4 hours)

Purpose:

To understand the impact of two major domestic factors -- public opinion and the military -- on Chinese foreign policy.

Key points:

1. The role of public opinion in foreign policy making: The West vs. China
2. The role of the military in Chinese politics in general and in foreign policy in particular.
3. The features of Chinese public opinion.
4. The relationship between foreign policy makers and public opinion.
5. The role of the military in Chinese foreign policy

Reading assignment:

Fewsmith, Joseph, and Stanley Rosen. "The Domestic Context of Chinese Foreign Policy: Does Public Opinion Matter?" in Lampton, pp. 151-187.

Chapter 1, "Public Opinion in Chinese Foreign Policy," in Reilly, pp.23-54

Chapter 4, "Responding to Public Opinion," in Reilly, pp. 129-178.

Michael D. Swaine, "China's Assertive Behavior—Part Three: The Role of the Military in Foreign Policy," *China Leadership Monitor*, No. 36 (2012) .

Questions:

What are Western experiences of the relationship between public opinion and foreign policy?

Does the Chinese public have opinions of foreign policy? What are the features of Chinese public opinion?

Does public opinion have an impact on Chinese foreign policy? How does it impact foreign policy?

How does the Chinese military impact Chinese foreign policy?