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## US SENATE PUSHES AHEAD WITH TOUGH MEASURES TO COUNTER CHINA

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Leaders of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee have introduced new legislation to boost the countrys ability to push back against Chinas expanding global influence by promoting human rights, providing security aid and investing to combat disinformation.

The draft measure, titled the Strategic Competition Act of 2021, mandates diplomatic and strategic initiatives to counteract Beijing, reflecting hardline sentiment on dealings with China from Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

US President Joe Biden has continued to take a hard line against China after his predecessor, former President Donald Trump, began a trade war to counter what the US sees as unfair practices, long denied by Beijing.

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