
CHINA 2008 VS 2022: RICHER, STRONGER, MORE CONFRONTATIONAL

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China has undergone history-making change since the last time it was an Olympic host in 2008: It is richer, more heavily armed and openly confrontational.

As President Xi Jinpings government prepares for Februarys Winter Olympics, it has greater leverage to exert influence abroad and resist complaints from the United States and other governments over trade, technology theft and its treatment of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Chinas Muslim minorities.

The economy is three times larger today. The ruling Communist Party is using that wealth to try to become a technology power and is spending more on its military than any country other than the United States.

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