
NEW BOOK EXAMINES SCENARIOS OF US-CHINA WAR OVER TAIWAN

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A prominent Washington-based policy research organization says the United States is preparing for the wrong kind of likely conflict should China invade Taiwan.

In a newly released book titled, *Defending Taiwan*, the American Enterprise Institute argues Washington wrongly predicts a short and geographically localized war over Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion. Instead, AEI researchers say, the Pentagon's planning should revolve around a conflict of extended duration.

In the most worrying scenario, Beijing would launch a surprise missile attack, hammering not only Taiwan's defenses but also the American naval and air forces concentrated at a few large bases in the western Pacific, according to AEI's senior fellows Hal Brands and Michael Beckley who assessed a U.S.-China conflict in the western Pacific will not end quickly.

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