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## THE POWER AND LIMITS OF XI JINPING

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*Xi may have more power than any Chinese leader since Mao Zedong, but even he cant fully implement his policy preferences.*

It has become a truism that Xi Jinping is the most powerful leader in China since Mao Zedong. In 2016, a Times Magazine cover showed an image of Mao behind a peel-away picture of Xi, implying Xi is the second coming of Mao. In analyzing Xis centralization of power and personality cult, many articles from the New York Times to Al Jazeera have declared that Xi is the new Mao.

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