A China and a World Changed by June Fourth

Following the recent Second Belt and Road Forum in Beijing we can see that, as the U.S. has withdrawn from a series of international groups, China is in the process of forming new groups that are taking form as “organizational confrontation” with the U.S., and shattering America’s alliance with Europe. From the angle of geopolitics, the U.S. and China are locked in a new “imperial” struggle that is different from America’s earlier response to the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union had no means of economically surpassing the U.S. and ultimately was dragged down by the economic pressures caused by the arms race. But, in the next five to ten years, China’s GDP will exceed the U.S., in ten years China’s manufacturing industry will be 300% the size of America’s, and its technology sector will near parity or even exceed America’s. This is a sort of challenge that the West has not encountered in the past several centuries.