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Subject: Re: Election '08

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cnc95fan wrote on Sat, 12 January 2008 18:16MWright967 wrote on Sat, 12 January 2008 18:08Switzerland doesn't even have the technology, nor the funds or support to launch any kind of large-scale attack. I'd imagine that if theres anyone to take the place of America as #1 world power, it will either be Russia or China.

Sigh, I don't understand why everyone thinks China is so powerful military-wise. The vast VAST majority of Chinese are peasants, there is little money per capita as it is spread out over 1.3 billion people. "China" has never trully been powerful. Most people mistake it for the Mongolian Empire. The only time "China" was powerful, was when it was a small, much easier state to manage, thousands of years ago. The amount of money pumped into a army matters very little, no offence, but the US military seems to phail against untrained militia.. The Chinese forces have over 2 Million members, but that means nothing. Take the Battle of El Alamein for example, the Germans outnumbered the British 1:3, and yet, they still won over the odds. It's all about who's the most dedicated, and the one with the most brains.

You assume its because they have tons of riches, or perhaps some kind of "advanced" technology. No. Its far simpler than that.

1. China has billions of people (2 billion if I'm not mistaken?) That means, they will never have funding problems.
2. China is technologically inferior in most ways to all of the other world super-powers. However, they have a huge amount of people, which means more people to choose from for the scientific field.
3. Having so many people simply means its not only harder to destroy them, its harder to keep control of them.
4. They are on VERY good trading terms with countries like America and England, which not only further supply them with money, but give them a chance to get some allies together if they ever go to war with someone.

You'de be correct in saying that china is not a super-power, and probably won't be for a long time. However, they are sort of the "Neutral" people right now. They trade with almost everyone, have huge funds, have huge amounts of people, and their government is comprised of some fairly tricky people. Who knows, they may never return to the days of yore where Mongolia ruled with an iron fist. Lets hope not. But I could definitely see it playing out in the end.

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