

## **NEOREALIST ALTERNATIVE POLICY ON CHINA**

**“THIS ANALYSIS SUGGESTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS A PROFOUND INTEREST IN SEEING CHINESE ECONOMIC GROWTH SLOW CONSIDERABLY IN THE YEARS AHEAD. FOR MUCH OF THE LAST DECADE, HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS PURSUED A STRATEGY INTENDED TO HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT...THIS APPROACH IS MISGUIDED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE A WEALTHY CHINA WOULD NOT BE A STATUS QUO POWER; IT WOULD BE AN AGGRESSIVE ONE DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE REGIONAL HEGEMONY.”**

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