

What is this?

This graphic is one sample of several we have been working on over the past few years. We are in the process of creating an Atlas of Fears and Concerns of the Countries of the World. We believe such an Atlas with accompanying scenarios and data will enable readers to "see" our hypothesis that much of the world's foreign relations are based on fear and concerns. These fears are, in turn, based on the human capacity to envision future events, particularly of a fearful nature.

This is an ongoing project. This sample is about China in 2003.

What does it contain?

This Atlas page contains descriptions of the imagined fears and concerns of the Chinese elite Communist Party leadership. It suggests that there are both internal and external concerns some of which are long-range concerns while others are more immediate. It is not the most current page in our series.

Our Atlas is intended to enable citizens and students to examine the world from the point of view of fears and concerns rather than policy objectives or current policy. It also is intended as a kind of reminder for policy makers to recognize that their allies and adversaries are often operating, negotiating, and communicating from a basis of fear and concern.

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China – Fears and Concerns - A Concept Sketch v.2.0

This is a preliminary experimental attempt to portray the worries that keep the Chinese elites awake at night. Your feedback is welcome.

GROWING MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISM IN CENTRAL ASIA
leads Uygurs to demand freedom in Xinjiang Autonomous Region



U.S. MIDDLE ASIA PRESENCE
New U.S. bases in central Asian "stans" provoke questions of intentions and concerns of encirclement or implicit alliance to contain China

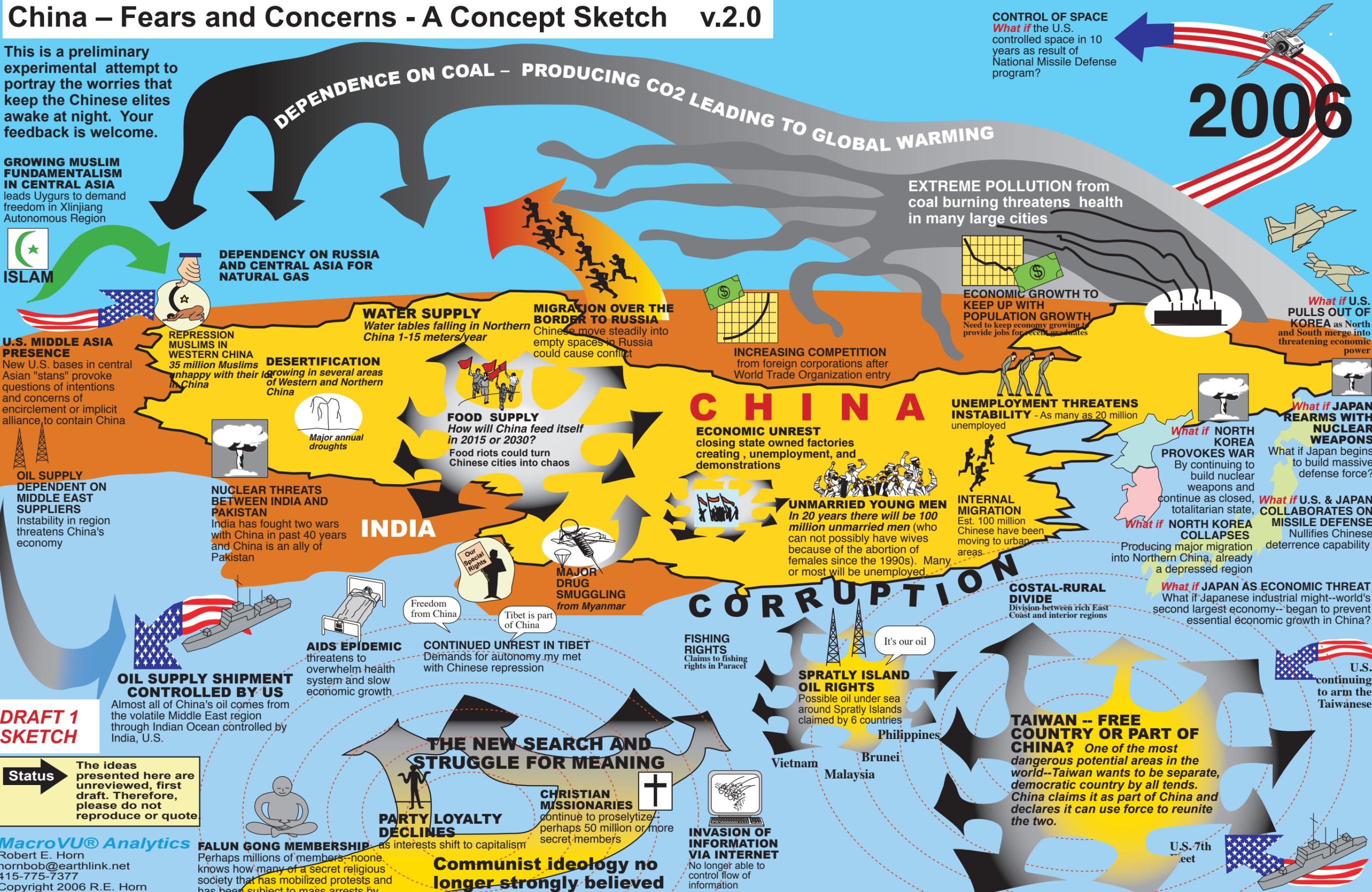
OIL SUPPLY DEPENDENT ON MIDDLE EAST SUPPLIERS
Instability in region threatens China's economy

DRAFT 1 SKETCH

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FALUN GONG MEMBERSHIP
as interests shift to capitalism
Perhaps millions of members--no one knows how many of a secret religious society that has mobilized protests and has been subject to mass arrests by



CONTROL OF SPACE
What if the U.S. controlled space in 10 years as result of National Missile Defense program?

2006

DEPENDENCE ON COAL - PRODUCING CO2 LEADING TO GLOBAL WARMING

EXTREME POLLUTION from coal burning threatens health in many large cities

ECONOMIC GROWTH TO KEEP UP WITH POPULATION GROWTH
Need to keep economy growing to provide jobs for recent graduates

What if U.S. PULLS OUT OF KOREA as North and South merge into threatening economic power

What if JAPAN REARMS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS
What if Japan begins to build massive defense force?

What if U.S. & JAPAN COLLABORATES ON MISSILE DEFENSE
Nullifies Chinese deterrence capability

What if NORTH KOREA PROVOKES WAR
By continuing to build nuclear weapons and continue as closed, totalitarian state,

What if NORTH KOREA COLLAPSES
Producing major migration into Northern China, already a depressed region

What if JAPAN AS ECONOMIC THREAT
What if Japanese industrial might--world's second largest economy--began to prevent essential economic growth in China?

U.S. continuing to arm the Taiwanese

TAIWAN -- FREE COUNTRY OR PART OF CHINA?
One of the most dangerous potential areas in the world--Taiwan wants to be separate, democratic country by all trends. China claims it as part of China and declares it can use force to reunite the two.

U.S. 7th Fleet

CHINA

CORRUPTION

INDIA

THE NEW SEARCH AND STRUGGLE FOR MEANING

Communist ideology no longer strongly believed

SPRATLY ISLAND OIL RIGHTS
Possible oil under sea around Spratly Islands claimed by 6 countries
Philippines
Brunei
Malaysia
Vietnam

INVASION OF INFORMATION VIA INTERNET
No longer able to control flow of information

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES
continue to proselytize--perhaps 50 million or more secret members

PARTY LOYALTY DECLINES
as interests shift to capitalism

CONTINUED UNREST IN TIBET
Demands for autonomy met with Chinese repression

AIDS EPIDEMIC
threatens to overwhelm health system and slow economic growth

MAJOR DRUG SMUGGLING
from Myanmar

Our Special Rights

Tibet is part of China

Freedom from China

UNMARRIED YOUNG MEN
In 20 years there will be 100 million unmarried men (who can not possibly have wives because of the abortion of females since the 1990s). Many or most will be unemployed.

INTERNAL MIGRATION
Est. 100 million Chinese have been moving to urban areas.

ECONOMIC UNREST
closing state owned factories creating unemployment, and demonstrations

FOOD SUPPLY
How will China feed itself in 2015 or 2030?
Food riots could turn Chinese cities into chaos

DESERTIFICATION
growing in several areas of Western and Northern China
Major annual droughts

REPRESSION MUSLIMS IN WESTERN CHINA
35 million Muslims unhappy with their lot in China

WATER SUPPLY
Water tables falling in Northern China 1-15 meters/year

MIGRATION OVER THE BORDER TO RUSSIA
Chinese move steadily into empty spaces in Russia could cause conflict

INCREASING COMPETITION
from foreign corporations after World Trade Organization entry

U.S. 7th Fleet