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Lessons From 45: How 47 Can Stand Up to China

TOPLINE: The first Trump Administration reset the world's narrative on China, but President Trump is walking away from that important legacy in his second term.

TikTok: 47 continues to retreat from 45's efforts to sever TikTok from the CCP:

- The Trump-Pence Administration's efforts propelled Congress to pass its landmark "Divest or Ban" law, which the Supreme Court subsequently upheld.
- CCP ownership of TikTok threatens the privacy of American citizens and our national security.
- President Trump refuses to act in accordance with his constitutional duty to enforce the "Divest or Ban" law, as passed by Congress.
 - **By launching its own TikTok account, the White House mocks the rule of law and invites CCP spyware onto White House phones.**

Nvidia: President Trump trades national security for CCP cash:

- Trump's deal for 15% of Nvidia's revenue in China on H20 chips plays right into Beijing's playbook of obtaining foreign trade secrets through coercion or theft and displacing foreign competitors.
- Trump's Nvidia deal cedes the U.S.'s technological advantage in AI, the most rapidly developing frontier of national security, and rewards big-tech lobbyists over the American people.

Tariffs: Despite President Trump's on-again-off-again tariff threats, which he promised would bring China to the negotiating table, China's exports last month were up 5.8% year-over-year.

- **Trump's tariffs have kneecapped American small businesses**, which overwhelmingly rely on Chinese goods and lacked adequate time to rearrange supply chains in response to tariffs.
 - However, he backed down from prudent restrictions on AI chip exports to China, along with other technology export controls.
- Chinese students linked to the CCP can still enroll at American universities, take spots from American students, and steal American IP.
- **Tariffing our allies pushes them into China's arms.**
 - In March, trade ministers from China, Japan, and South Korea met to discuss a trilateral free trade agreement and enhanced supply-chain cooperation.

Taiwan: The United States should unapologetically stand with Taiwan.

- Bowing to Beijing's pressure, the Trump Administration just denied Taiwan's President's request to stop in New York while on the way to Central America.
 - **Dig Deeper:** "[Taiwan must not fall.](#)" by V.P. Pence and Ed Feulner.

BOTTOMLINE: To beat China, President Trump must return to his first administration's "Tough On China" approach, not bow down to Beijing.

