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**China is escalating right now– proves that current deterrence policies are not working (drills link)**

**News 10/14** [Bbc News, "What's behind China-Taiwan tensions?", BBC News, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-34729538>] //nats

**China has launched major military drills around Taiwan for the second time this year, simulating a full-scale attack on the island - just days after the Taiwanese President William Lai delivered his first National Day speech.** They come months after drills held, days after Lai was sworn in. **The exercises reinforce what is at the heart of the issue: China's claim over self-governed Taiwan.** Beijing sees the island as a breakaway province that will, eventually, be part of the country, and has not ruled out the use of force to achieve this. But many Taiwanese consider themselves to be part of a separate nation - although most are in favour of maintaining the status quo where Taiwan neither declares independence from China nor unites with it.

**China IS reacting- economic sanctions prove (sanctions link)**

**Nan 9/21** [Hao Nan, "The Restrained US Weapon Supply to Taiwan: A Troubling Signal Amid Escalating Tensions", 09/21/2024, The Diplomat, <https://thediplomat.com/2024/09/the-restrained-us-weapon-supply-to-taiwan-a-troubling-signal-amid-escalating-tensions/>] //nats

On September 18, **China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs imposed sanctions on nine U.S. defense companies over a \$228 million arms sale.** announced by the U.S. State Department on September 16, **that involved the return, repair, and reshipment of spare parts for Taiwan.** The announcement came just before a U.S. Navy P-8A Poseidon transited the Taiwan Strait on September 17. **In response, China's Ministry of Defense doubled down** on September 20, **warning both Taiwan and the United States that U.S.-made weapons would not safeguard Taiwan's** Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), but would instead directly **lead to "self-destruction" – a stark reminder of the increasing hostility and rhetoric surrounding Taiwan's defense.**

**Deterrence is in fact not working and without affirming, war happens next year**

**Brands 4/1** [Hal Brands,, "U.S. Deterrence in Taiwan Is Failing", 04/01/2024, archive.ph, <https://archive.ph/h8sBr#selection-3137.0-3149.567>] //nats

"My gut tells me **we will fight in 2025.**" **U.S. Air Force Gen. Mike Minihan wrote in a January memo to officers in the Air Mobility Command. The memo,** which promptly leaked to reporters, **warned that the United States and China were barreling toward a conflict over Taiwan.** The U.S. Defense Department quickly distanced itself from Minihan's blunt assessment. Yet the general wasn't saying anything in private that military and civilian officials weren't already saying in public. In August 2022, a visit to Taiwan by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had set off the worst cross-strait crisis in a quarter century. China's aircraft barreled across the center line of the Taiwan Strait; its ships prowled the waters around the island; its ballistic missiles splashed down in vital shipping lanes. Months after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine had reminded everyone that major war is not an anachronism, **the Taiwan crisis made visceral the prospect that a Chinese attack on that island could trigger conflict between the world's two top powers.**

## Deescalation is the only way to achieve peace

Clark 23 [Bryan Clark,, "US Deterrence Against China Is Dangerously Outdated", 09/06/2023, archive.ph, <https://archive.ph/x5Ciw#selection-1731.0-1731.633>] //nats

Washington's current military strategy aims to prove to Xi that an invasion would be defeated in battle—a notion that presupposes continued U.S. military dominance in the region. Instead, campaigning would focus on lowering his preference for aggression in the first place, making other paths more attractive. This strategy of dissuasion would require U.S. leaders to accept that China will not fade away. Xi will not give up on his goals, and U.S. military preeminence is no longer guaranteed. But focusing on a campaign of dissuasion may be the only path to peaceful coexistence in a world no longer dominated by the United States.