

FBI considers China's espionage to be the biggest threat to the US

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Washington, 8 Jul (EFE).- The FBI is convinced that the Chinese government's acts of espionage and ongoing theft of information pose the greatest long-term threat to America's future.

In an arraignment at the Hudson Institute, a well-known Washington idea lab, FBI Director Christopher Wray discussed Chinese-American relations Tuesday, which are not going through their best, both politically and commercially.

The FBI director called China "the greatest long-term threat to our nation's information and intellectual property and to our economic vitality," noting that the FBI has more than 2,000 open investigations linking the Chinese government.

At one point in his speech and according to U.S. media, Wray said Chinese hackers have moved quickly to attack U.S. pharmaceutical and research institutions trying to advance the fight against coronavirus.

In a near-hour speech, the FBI manager described a far-reaching campaign orchestrated by Beijing of economic espionage, data theft and monetary theft, and illegal political activities, using bribery and blackmail to influence U.S. politics.

"Now we've reached a point where the FBI is opening a new China-related counterintelligence case every 10 hours," Wray said in words that CNN plays.

The FBI director said Chinese President Xi Jinping had also spearheaded a program called "Fox Hunt," aimed at Chinese citizens living abroad who are seen as threats by the Beijing government, with the aim of intimidating them.

"We are talking about political rivals, dissidents and critics seeking to expose China's extensive human rights violations," he said. "The Chinese government wants to force them back to China, and China's tactics to do so are shocking."

"China is engaged in a statewide effort to become the world's only superpower by any means necessary," he added.

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