

## China-US antagonism impacts the world

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### Body

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BEIJING (AP) — Antagonism between the United States and China impacts governments around the world. A German official warned of "Cold War 2.0" and Kenya's president urged unity to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

Global trade was already depressed after two years of tariff warfare between the world's top two economies. That grudge has spread to encompass Hong Kong, Chinese Muslims, accusations of espionage and control of the South China Sea.

Trapped in the middle, other governments try to protect their own interests.

Germany:

Chancellor Angela Merkel's government seeks to protect trade and cooperation on global warming, but says a new security law that adjusts Beijing's control over Hong Kong is a "difficult issue."

Peter Beyer, the government coordinator for transatlantic cooperation, said that "we are experiencing the beginning of a World War 2.0." But "the US is our most important partner outside the EU and it will continue," he said in an interview with the newspaper group RedaktionsNetzwerk Deutschland.

France:

President Emmanuel Macron says his colleague Donald Trump is "my friend," but avoids sulfiding Beijing.

Paris does not echo criticism of Beijing for the management of the pandemic, but the legislature applauded Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian last week when it condemned the treatment of the Uighur minority in China's northwest.

Le Drian denounced "mass arrests, disappearances, forced labor, forced sterilizations, destruction of Uighur cultural heritage."

"These practices are unacceptable and we condemn them," he said.

But Trump's ambivalence toward America's allies and his contempt for diplomatic rules alarms France.

"Chinese-American tensions do not benefit France," said Valerie Niquet of the Foundation for Strategic Research.

"We share the same U.S. interests toward China, we have roughly the same positions, so it brings us no positive element."

Europe:

"Strategic relations" with China will be a topic of discussion in the European Union as Germany exercises the rotating presidency of the 27-nation bloc, Merkel said.

The EU chancellors have not agreed on a common position on China.

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### SOUTH KOREA:

South Korea is woven between its main military ally and its main trading partner.

Washington deplores Seoul's desire to ease sanctions on North Korea to encourage disarmament and is uneasy because it uses Huawei technology.

Trump complains about the cost of maintaining 28,500 military personnel in the South to protect her from threats from the North. An expense-sharing agreement expired in 2019 and has not been replaced.

The conflict between the powers "forces South Korea to wonder" which side it prefers," Dong-A Ilbo newspaper said in an editorial Monday. "Sooner or later we will be forced to give an answer, noless much so that we strive to avoid it."

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