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This week I read “Former Google CEO and others call for U.S.-China tech ‘bifurcation’” by Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian on Axios, written almost exactly a year ago. This article concerns the report by the “China Strategy Group” formed of a number of high-ranking executives at technology companies in the U.S., such as Google’s CEO and several of its employees. In this report, they state that they are concerned that America’s leadership in technology is at risk due to China’s difference in values, in particular their willingness to disregard digital licensing laws. In class we discussed how important innovations in the technology sphere are for developed nations in terms of percentage of overall production and income, so this is a dire scenario. And the sale of goods or services (in this case, technological services) is greatly hindered if one party doesn’t regard the other’s wishes or values: this leads to the selling party (“unfairly”) losing income or expending effort in order to protect said lost income, and a general discomfort between the parties to participate in future relationships. The CSG suggests several proposals for the U.S. leadership: a “bifurcation” or separation of some of our technological markets from China’s ones; redesigning government and shifting governmental expenditure towards “tech analysis and forecasting”; improving domestic infrastructure, “ally-centric production,” and an “alliances of democracies called the ‘T-12’” that decreases our reliance and connection with Chinese technological markets. To me, this sounds very much like former President Trump was doing with anti-competition laws for China. This topic is interesting because anti-competition will maintain the incentive for American companies to innovate and remain at the forefront of the tech world; however, anti-competition in general hinders progress, such as cheaper ways to produce the same leading technologies at similar or slightly-lower companies (which may have legitimate uses in lowering costs for the people who do not need the best products from the most innovating companies). As someone in the tech world and heavily interested in Google, I will watch the trajectory of this subject with great interest.