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Summary

In the AP News article, “China’s Xi Urges Countries Unite in Tackling AI Challenges but Makes no Mention of Internet Controls”, reports on how the President of China Xi Jinping states that there are potential risks associated with artificial intelligence and that these challenges should be dealt with by having countries come together to help solve these AI challenges. While stating this, China has also maximized the internet’s economic benefits and social media’s propaganda to the Communist Party’s authoritarian agenda. Xi’s speech was pre-recorded and broadcast at the opening of the World Internet Conference Summit in the eastern city of Wuzhen. In the speech, Xi called for common security in cyberspace instead of confrontation stated that China would work with other countries to address risks brought by the development of AI, and expressed his objections to cyberspace hegemony. China is ready to promote the safe development of AI with the implementation of the Global AI Governance Initiative(a proposal launched by the Chinese government last month calling for an open and fair environment for AI development). Li Shulei, the director of the Communist Party’s publicity department echoed Xi’s remarks at the conference and stated that China works with other countries to improve the safety, reliability, controllability, and fairness of AI technology. This conference was first launched as an annual event in 2014 by the Chinese government to discuss interest development and during the duration of the conference, China lifts overseas news and social media sites.

As of June, Chinese state-backed hackers foiled Microsoft's cloud-based security by breaching the email accounts of multiple U.S. agencies that deal with China ahead of Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s trip to Beijing. The surgically targeted espionage accessed the email of a small number of individuals at an unspecified number of U.S agencies and was discovered by the State Department that none of the breached systems were classified nor was any data

stolen. The hacked officials included Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, whose agency imposed export controls that have stung multiple Chinese companies. In September 2020, the Justice Department charged five Chinese citizens with hacks targeting more than 100 companies, universities, and telecommunications providers.

Personal Opinion

Overall, I strongly agree with what the president of China Xi Jinping states that there are potential risks associated with artificial intelligence and that these challenges should be dealt with by having countries come together to help solve these AI challenges. I also agree that there should be a common security in cyberspace instead of confrontation and that China would need to work with other countries to address risks brought by the development of AI to bring cyberspace hegemony. I believe having countries come together to solve AI challenges is important because it can maximize its benefits for humanity while minimizing potential risks and challenges.

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