

Dominance Over Coexistence: China's AGI Strategy and the Civilizational Risk to the West

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The Premise

The rivalry between China and the United States is no longer just about trade, GDP, or military posturing. It is a civilizational contest — and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) is the accelerant.

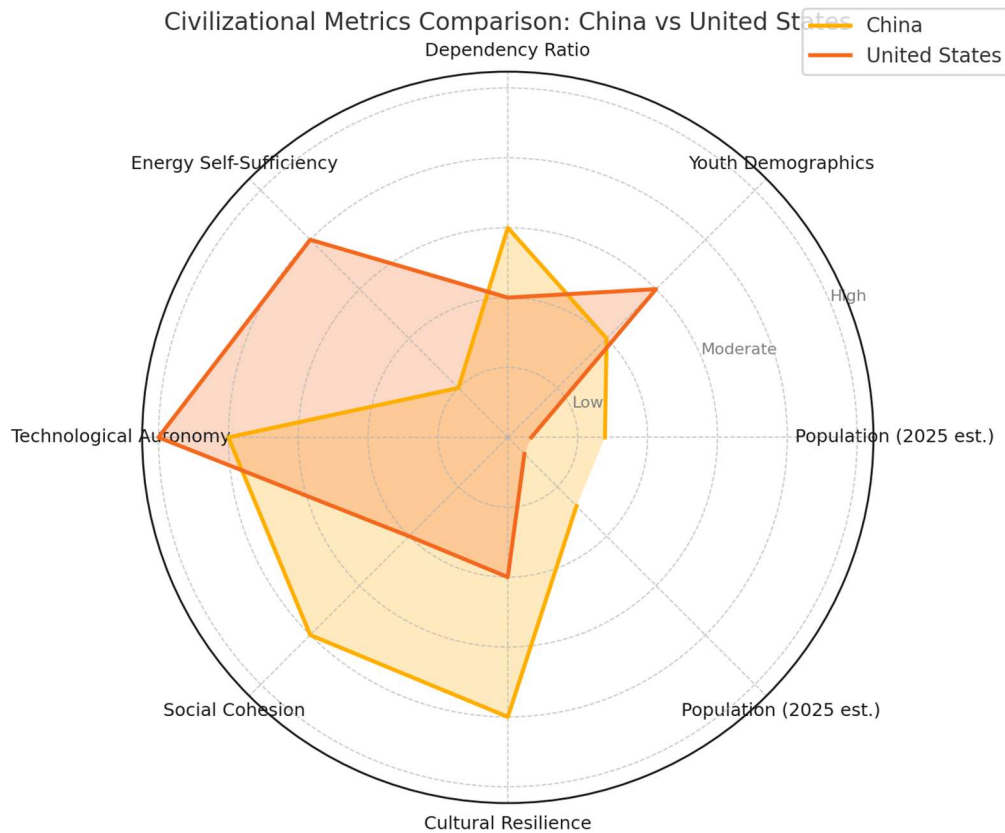
China has no intention of coexisting at parity. It is pursuing supremacy, with AGI as a central pillar in that vision.

Four Doctrines That Drive China's Grand Strategy

- Strategic Patience: Decades of intentional investment (Made in China 2025, Dual Circulation).
- Civil-Military Fusion: Every private breakthrough can be militarized.
- Narrative Warfare: Soft power disguised as diplomacy, targeting global influence.
- Decentralized Economic Colonization: Belt & Road Initiative, currency swaps, and coercive infrastructure lending.

The Metrics That Matter

Here's what's beneath the surface:



| Metric | China | United States |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Population | 1.39B | 336M |
| Energy Independence | Low | Moderate-High |
| Tech Autonomy | Rising Fast | Fragmented |
| Social Cohesion | High (enforced) | Low (polarized) |
| Cultural Resilience | Centralized | Dispersed |

Why AGI Makes This Different

- China has no privacy barrier. That's fuel for predictive governance.
- Labor disruptions are planned for. U.S. reskilling strategy is virtually non-existent.
- AI-generated propaganda and synthetic media are already Chinese exports.
- AGI is not just a tool. It's becoming an arm of statecraft.


Weapons Won't Save Us


Relying on superior weapons to preserve supremacy in the AGI age is not only flawed — it's dangerous.


This is not a war of missiles. It's a war of models, memes, and morals.

Three Directives for American Survival

1. Rebuild cultural cohesion and civic trust.
2. Reform education for AGI fluency and civilizational resilience.
3. Design doctrine that binds AI ethics to strategic national interest.

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