

China's Climate Promises Aren't Worth the Paper They're Written On

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"China Plays the Climate Card" (Review & Outlook, Sept. 3) merits careful reading. In making environmental policy choices, the Chinese Communist Party under Xi Jinping sees climate change as an existential threat—not for the planet, but for the regime's survival.

The U.S. has a long record of moving aggressively to meet benchmarks laid out by international accords—the Montreal Protocol to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution are examples.

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