American Strategies for dealing with Asian countries (mostly China) who are import-dependent

- **Diversify**
  - Competition
  - Getting in bed with Latin America

- **Engagement**
  - Technology
  - Cooperation
  - Humanitarian
  - Multilateral in Middle East
  - Transparency in US-Chinese Relations
    - Military exercises together
  - Make China a big player in the international energy game
    - Welcome them to the IEA

- **Containment**
  - Comes out of the Cold War
    - Keep Soviets in a box and stop expansion
    - Rollback
      - Use subversion to topple countries in eastern Europe hoping that it will lead with a domino effect
  - Sell offensive weapons to other countries around China
  - Influence
    - Pre-empt aid and infrastructure to countries that China might try to influence
    - “Information shaping” → or propaganda
  - Basing and alliances
    - Put American troops all around China → Done!
  - Get close with oil producers

- **Pros and Cons of an Engagement Strategy**
  - **Pros**
    - Since US and China are economically dependant upon one another that any positive steps would be mutually beneficial
      - WTO, IEA
    - Peace
  - **Cons**
    - Restraints on US policy
    - Chinese political power is distinct from Chinese military power
    - On a moral level, the US might have a problem selling this interaction to the public
      - Darfur
    - Balance of power
      - US could be soft and give China a chance to become big and powerful

- **Pros and Cons of a Containment Strategy**
  - **Pros**
    - Balance of power
Insurance against future issues
We have more influence in the region

Cons
- Strange bedfellows
- China status quo
  - Essentially containment is an overreaction towards China’s rise and lack of physical expansion
- Money and influence
- Spiral / Self-fulfilling prophecy
- Inefficient