Global Superpower: Chinese Foreign Policy Shifts and Elevated UNPKO Involvement

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Importance

- Eastin Points to a current decline in U.S. hegemony to consider the possibility of emerging powers gaining hegemonic status

Hegemonic Status

- Is achieved by a state who has the ability to coerce smaller states to cooperate and support it in its leadership
- This also includes a degree of consent among cooperating or subordinate states
- Obtaining legitimacy is a key component
Legitimacy

- Military victory in a hegemonic war
- Production of certain global public goods
- Ideology, religious, or value acceptance among a set of states
Methods of Delegitimation

- Delegitimizing the current global hegemon’s international authority and power.
  1) Putting forth competing values into global system
  2) Cost-imposing strategies
  3) Forming a competing ideology
  4) Accept the current hegemon and then undermine them
Eastin’s Conclusion

- China is still emerging
- Regional Power
- Increasing contributions
- UNPKO involvement- does it affect legitimacy?
Chinese Foreign Policy Shifts

- 1946-1980 abstentions and involvement
- Questions of ideology
- 1982 reform era: rise of pragmatism
UNPKO Involvement

- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

2001-2010 Chinese Troop Contributions

- Chinese Troops Contributed
- Year
Chinese Regional Influences

- Africa and Asia
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- ASEAN

### Chinese Involvement by Region

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African Land Deals

China Activity in Africa
- DRC: 7 million acres for biofuels
- Tanzania: 741 acres secured for rice
- Zambia: 4.9 million acres for biofuels
Conclusions

- UNPKO
  - Regional Issues
  - Reactionary stance
  - Does help legitimacy claims