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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February 11, 2011 White House Press Briefing (Remarks by the President and Press Briefing by Press Secretary Robert Gibbs) <p>Quote: "We had these conversations [about changing world] directly with those — with governments throughout the world. Again, we mentioned what happened not too long ago with the government of China that resulted in the leader of the Chinese saying there was much work to be done."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February 1, 2011 <i>Global Times</i> Editorial (What will Year of the Rabbit bring?) <p>Quote: "Chinese President Hu Jintao visited the US in January, signing a joint statement framing the bilateral relationship as a cooperative partnership and reversing the 2010 downward trend in bilateral relations, giving hope for growth this year." "With a positive start of the Sino-US relationship, this year should see fewer diplomatic troubles."</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February 2, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing (State Department Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "We're not prescribing what Egypt needs to do." "But now is the time where the government has to take meaningful, serious steps, concrete steps, to demonstrate that it is moving down a path to elections and to democratic governance — the governance in Egypt that responds to the aspirations of the Egyptian people." "It's not for the United States to say you've got to do this, this, and this. It is for leaders to step up and begin to lead." ● February 3, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing (State Department Daily Press Briefing) Quote: [Upon being asked whether US support toward King Abdullah is different from its previous support on Mubarak] "[...] notwithstanding the ongoing change or transformation that may be occurring across the region, our interests remain the same. And it is our interests that guide our relationship." "[...] our message to Jordan is our message to Egypt is our message to Yemen." ● February 6, 2011 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Special Briefing (Briefing for the Traveling Press) Quote: "So that means that we often deliver messages to countries and governments that we don't agree with and see eye to eye with on every issue. We just had — with Jintao in Washington we made it very clear we don't agree with China on human rights. So we send those messages all the time." ● February 9, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing (State Department Daily Press Briefing) Quote: "What we're doing is commenting on unfolding events in Egypt consistent with both our policies and our values. Go back and look at what we have advocated from the start, that there be no violence, that universal rights be respected, and that there be political change." "Well, these will be Egyptian decisions, and we are providing our best perspective on what the government needs to do to meet the aspirations of the Egyptian people." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February 11, 2011 Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi's Remarks after Meeting Zimbabwean President Mugabe (China urges West to lift sanctions against Zimbabwe) Quote: "We believe there should be the lifting of sanctions by certain countries. We think that is the voice of the Zimbabwean people and that is also the view of all the parties concerned here in Zimbabwe." "We believe all nations should respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity." "China believes that Africans have the right to choose their own way of development as they are the masters of the African continent. All others are just guests." ● February 14, 2011 Global Times Editorial (Egypt has won a battle, but not the war) Quote: "With underdeveloped industry, [Egypt] produces far less oil than Gulf countries. It is the US' largest aid recipient country in the Middle East and the US ensured that the Mubarak regime was pro-American. If Egypt's future national path is chosen with the help of the United States, the significance of Mubarak's stepping down will be greatly reduced." ● February 17, 2011 Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Ma Zhaoxu's Regular Press Conference (Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Ma Zhaoxu's Regular Press Conference) Quote: "China administrates the Internet according to law, which is consistent with international practice. We are ready to strengthen communication and exchanges with other countries on Internet-related issues for its benign development. But we oppose any country using Internet freedom as an excuse to interfere in China's internal affairs."



- **February 15, 2011 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Remarks** ([Internet Rights and Wrongs: Choices & Challenges in a Networked World](#))

Quote: "Now, some have pointed to a few countries, particularly China, that appears to stand out as an exception, a place where internet censorship is high and economic growth is strong. Clearly, many businesses are willing to endure restrictive internet policies to gain access to those markets, and in the short term, even perhaps in the medium term, those governments may succeed in maintaining a segmented internet. But those restrictions will have long-term costs that threaten one day to become a noose that restrains growth and development."

- **February 18, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing** ([State Department Daily Press Briefing](#))

Quote: "We have never hesitated to express our concerns about violence perpetrated against people anywhere in the world, most particularly, Tibet."

- **February 24, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing** ([State Department Daily Press Briefing](#))

Quote: "[...] we support the universal rights of the Libyan people. That includes the rights of peaceful assembly, free speech, and the ability of the Libyan people to determine their own destiny. These are human rights. These are not negotiable, and they must be respected in every country, and they cannot be denied through violence or suppression." "The Libyan Government has violated the rights of its people." "[...] what you have is the people of Libya standing up and wanting to have a say in the future of their country and their government. We support that, but the decision as to who will lead Libya in the future is a matter for the Libyan people."

- **February 28, 2011 State Department Daily Press Briefing** ([State Department Daily Press Briefing](#))

Quote: "Well, in fact, today Ambassador Jon Huntsman met with several American and other foreign journalists based in China who, while reporting in downtown Beijing yesterday, had their equipment seized, were illegally detained, harassed, and at least in one case, severely beaten. And we are deeply concerned that the Chinese authorities did not protect the safety and property of these journalists, and we expect them to hold the perpetrators accountable."

- **February 17, 2011 Global Times Editorial** ([The Internet belongs to all, not just the US](#))

Quote: "Driven by the United States, ideological attacks reminiscent of the Cold War have appeared on the Internet." "China is no longer a country shrouded by the information iron curtain. Increasing freedom to information is a goal for Chinese society. However, China is clearly unable to remove all the 'firewalls' at the moment"¹ "China is under rapid development, and its number of Internet users has greatly exceeded the entire population of the United States." "In fact, the power of the Internet is not as large as Hillary Clinton imagines." "China may not achieve political stability only by monitoring the Internet, and the US cannot play tricks on the Internet and expect to turn China into another Middle East."

- **February 18, 2011 Global Times Editorial** ([The Middle East has a place for China](#))

Quote: "The US has strongly promoted the expansion of street protests in Tehran, but has not commented on the police repression in Bahrain. The reason for this is that the former is an open enemy of the United States, while the latter is the home of the US Fifth Fleet." "China should begin to plan for its influence in the Middle East. In fact, China's development model is attractive to the Middle East since major countries there will enjoy more profits that emerge from China's economic development. China has many advantages in sharing its influence."

- **February 25, 2011 Global Times Editorial** ([Just look at how the US 'change faces' in Middle East?](#))

Quote: "[U.S.] has not hesitated to support and prop up Israel at all costs so as to attain the goal of deterring other Middle East nations on the one hand and, on the other hand, it has worked hard to win over those in power in some Muslim countries and turn them into coordinators and spokesmen for spurring or pushing forward its Middle East strategy." "So, it is crystal clear that people are not hard to understand why the 'democracy', 'freedom', and other frequently mentioned 'lofty ideals', 'the universal value' and the attitudes of Middle East nations at every stage is volatile and changeable; and the only one thing is permanent, and that is the control of strategic benefits by the United States."

¹ 美国政府用信息技术挑战中国国家安全 (The U.S. Government is challenging China's security using information technology: omitted from the English version of the Editorial)



- **February 28, 2011 U.S. Ambassador to China Huntsman's Remarks** ([Statement by Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. on the illegal harassment and detention of journalists](#))

Quote: "This type of harassment and intimidation is unacceptable and deeply disturbing. I am disappointed that the Chinese public security authorities could not protect the safety and property of foreign journalists doing their jobs. I call on the Chinese Government to hold the perpetrators accountable for harassing and assaulting innocent individuals and ask that they respect the rights of foreign journalists to report in China. I also urge China to respect internationally recognized conventions that guarantee freedom of the press and freedom of expression."

- **February 26, 2011 *Global Times* Editorial** ([Turbulent Mid-East disrupts the world](#))

Quote: "Though the West has lost the strength to manipulate the political process in the Middle East, it is still strong enough to influence the political outlook in some countries." "What the Western media hope is that the democratic movement would spread all over the world once for all, including in emerging powers such as China and Russia [...] However, there is evidence suggesting that one policy option of the West is to mess up emerging countries [...] The stronger we are and more stable our society is, the less fantasy will the West have to sabotage China and they will pursue better co-operation."



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- **February 18, 2011 Deputy Trade Representative Marantis's Remarks at the University of Georgia** ([Remarks by Ambassador Demetrios Marantis at the University of Georgia](#))

Quote: "Last year through our intense dialogues with China — including the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade and the Strategic and Economic Dialogue — we achieved the best results we have seen in years, including commitments by China to increase purchases and use of legal software, crack down on internet piracy, and refrain from discriminating in government procurement based on where the intellectual property component of goods and services was developed. More recently, China committed to delink its innovation policy from the provision of government procurement preferences — a key concern for America's innovators and creative industries. We still have significant challenges with China, including ensuring that China implements the commitments it made this year."

- **February 19, 2011 Treasury Secretary Geithner's Remarks at a Meeting to Set G-20 Agenda** ([G-20 Statement by Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner](#))

Quote: "There is broad consensus that the major economies, not just Europe, Japan and the United States, but also the large emerging economies need to allow their exchange rates to adjust in response to market forces. Since June 2010, China's authorities have allowed their currency to appreciate against the dollar at a pace of about six percent a year in nominal terms, and more than ten percent a year in real terms, given faster inflation in China than in the United States. Nonetheless, China's currency remains substantially undervalued, and its real effective exchange rate — the best measure to judge its currency against all of its trading partners — has not moved much in this latest period of exchange rate reform."

- **February 22, 2011 Assistant Treasury Secretary Collyns's Remarks Regarding U.S.-Asia Economic Relationship** ([Remarks by Assistant Secretary Charles Collyns The Future of the Dynamic U.S.-Asia Economic Relationship](#))

Quote: "Since last June, China has allowed the RMB to appreciate by around 3.8 percent against the dollar, or around 10 percent in real terms on an annual basis, taking into account China's higher inflation rate. But China's currency remains substantially undervalued, and this is putting pressure on its neighbors and trading partners to adopt measures to prevent their own currencies from appreciating."

- **February 19, 2011 *Global Times* Editorial (China should hit back at US attempts to stymie Huawei)**

Quote: "No Chinese company occupies anywhere near the same market share in the US as Coca Cola does in China. On many occasions, national security is used as a vague justification to limit the reasonable growth of Chinese companies in the US." "The US Congress' insistence on putting up unfair obstacles to Chinese companies comes in sharp contrast with the favorable treatment that US companies have received here in China."



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