The Rise of the Authoritarian Giant

Why Hasn’t China Transitioned to Democracy?

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The United States has long sought to integrate China into international organizations and global trade networks in the belief that bringing China into contact with democratic nations would help stimulate democracy within China. However, rather than transitioning toward democracy, the Chinese government has become more authoritarian in recent years. Why is this so, and what are some of the potential political and economic consequences for the United States?

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