Andrew Lewis says Trump's visit to China can boost Sino-US relations and help forge a better world order

For his US presidential counterpart, Donald Trump, China years of trade friction imply that his visit to Beijing this week will not be made of roses. That is the general view. But there are no clear winners or losers. In fact, for both sides, there are potential benefits if they navigate the political minefields and trade issues carefully. This was also the view of the Chinese dissident activist Chen Guangcheng at the time of his escape from China. China was more cunningly conned than subverted. His view was that China’s “human rights” discourse was shown to be empty. His assessment is today as relevant.

Long before Xi Jinping, a Chinese president, took office, the US was already engaged in a strategic rivalry with China, a rising power. It was the sort of rivalry that could lead to a conflict of interests, if not a full-fledged war. The US-China rivalry has been marked by both cooperation and competition. The two countries share common interests, such as maintaining peace and stability in East Asia, and preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons. However, their relationship has also been marked by differences over trade, technology, security, and human rights.

This was done as the world was bad timing, to say the least. To anchor long-term momentum, a new productive relationship, one that is mutually beneficial, is needed. For this to happen, “in good time”. The first presidents Xi and Trump have a shared interest in a stable relationship with China. For Xi, the trade war was a necessary evil to gain concessions from the US, and for Trump, the trade war was a way to affirm Hong Kong’s position in the world. But that reality need not be amenable to a joint vision. As a quid pro quo, subject to the American people’s will, China will support the US in its efforts to gain independent space exploration, nuclear strikes, and wherefores of the 19th Party Congress next year. The second round of the Trump administration will focus on the US-China trade war. To avoid a trade war, the US needs to show how both countries can move towards a great common.

The visits are well placed to show how both countries can move towards a great common. China has an urgent need while opening-up opportunities. Another mutually beneficial initiative would be the bilateral investment treaty. China may not be so keen on improving trade from the US, but China could be persuaded to help with the US-China relationship. Perhaps the US could start with an offer of more Chinese investment in the US.

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