



The U.S. & China in 2010



Source 1: Potpourri

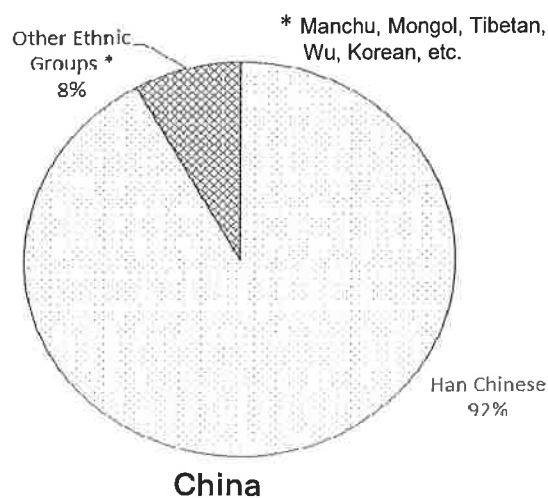
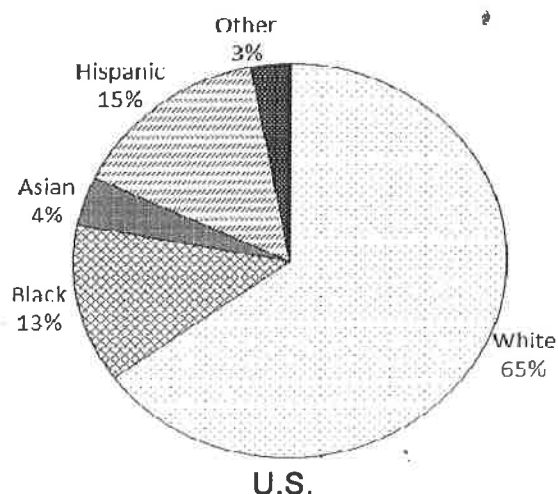
	U.S.	China
Government	Democratic republic	Communist
Area	9,826,675 sq. km.	9,596,961 sq. km.
World ranking by area	3 rd	4 th
Length of coastline	19,924 km.	14,500 km.
% of arable land	18%	14.9%
Population	310 million people	1,330 million people
World ranking – population	3 rd	1 st
Male : female ratio	97 : 1	1.06 : 1
Average births per woman	2.06	1.54
Infant mortality rate	6.06 per 1000	16.06 per 1000
% living in cities	82%	47%
Life expectancy	78.4 years	74.7 years
Student test ranking *	#18	#1
Exports	\$1.3 trillion	\$1.5 trillion
Imports	\$1.9 trillion	\$1.3 trillion
Account Balance **	- \$561 billion	\$272.5 billion
Labor force	154.9 million workers	780 million workers
Percent unemployed	9.4%	4.3%
% people living in poverty	12%	2.8% ***
GDP	\$14.72 trillion	\$9.872 trillion
% of yearly growth	2.7%	10.3%
Debt as % of GDP	58.9%	17.5%
Yearly pollution output	5.4 billion tons	7.7 billion tons
Active armed forces	1.6 million	2.2 million

* Overall rankings of nations by the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) based on 15-year-olds' test scores.

** Value of trade and other global income versus amount nation spends globally.

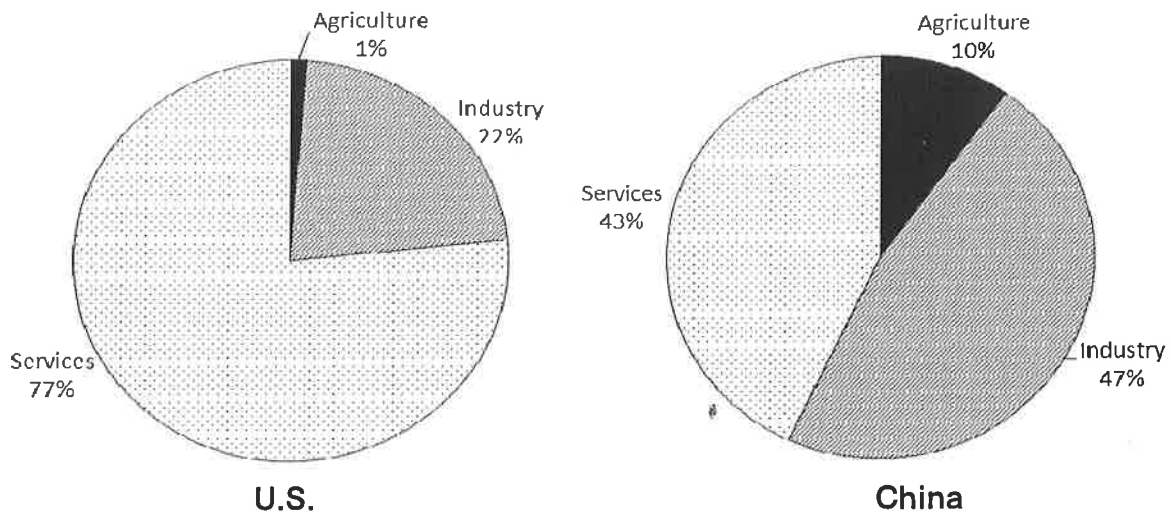
*** 21.5 million people live below the "poverty line" (approx.. \$90 / year); another 35.5 million live above, but below the "low income" line (approx.. \$125/year).

Source 2: Ethnic Make-up in 2010

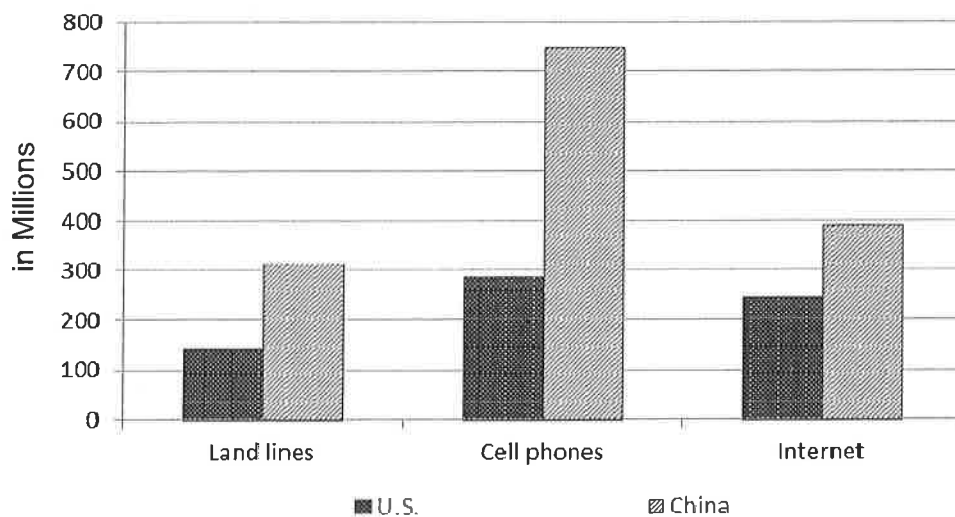


* Manchu, Mongol, Tibetan, Wu, Korean, etc.

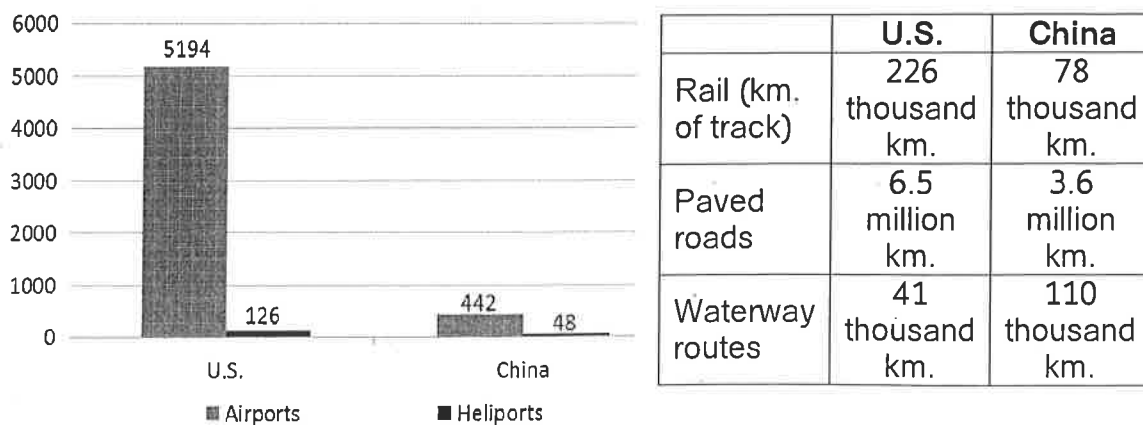
Source 3: GDP by Economic Activity



Source 4: Telephones in Use



Source 5: Transportation



SOURCE ANALYSIS

DIRECTIONS: Use information from AT LEAST two sources to answer each question. Be sure to explain how each source justifies your viewpoint!

? In which country, the U.S. or China, do you think the people have a better standard of living? Why?

? Which country, the U.S. or China, do you think seemed to be in the best economic shape in 2010? Explain why.

? In 2010 which country seemed to be overall on a better path toward the future? Why?

? Do you think China is likely to equal or surpass the U.S. as the world's leading superpower in the 21st century? Why or why not?