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# The Evolution of China's "Informatization" Policy: From Village Phones to Cyber Sovereignty

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What are China's plans for Cyberspace? This talk will discuss how Chinese Cyber-policy has evolved, what it currently embraces, and where the Chinese government hopes it will be going. The concept of "Informatization" embraces all aspects of national information technology development, implementation and use. While to an outsider it might look easy for a strong central government to implement a well-organized and balanced national plan, the reality has been much more complex. Seized with the importance of the geopolitical implications of Cyberspace, President Xi Jinping has set forth policies, and sought allies, for a Chinese vision of a globally governed Cyberspace whose policies are set by sovereign governments, particularly with respect to content management and cyber security.

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