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It is by now legendary that the 20th century was “the American Century.” But, did the West celebrate prematurely the implosion of the Soviet empire? Apart from the “Havana Syndrome,” Putin’s Russia, and its war in Ukraine, remains a major geopolitical rival, with its hackers holding U.S. companies hostage for ransom. Among communist one-party states—People’s Republic of China, N. Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and Cuba—“China” poses the greatest challenge. China’s hackers steal U.S. civilian and military tech secrets, while its trade and investment policies, 5G broadband, quantum communications, and Artificial Intelligence aim to create dependent “vassal” states, undermining democracies abroad, and suppressing dissent at home (laogai—the Chinese Gulag). Thus, U.S. companies are constrained by lack of parts that are manufactured abroad, including strategic high tech and medicines. A 2020 student petition demanded the closure of Confucius institutes in U.S., most of which reopened under different names reflecting China’s Playbook of disinformation, censorship, and control, enticing foreign entities with gifts (Trojan Horses), with strings attached. The question arises: Can the U.S. heal its unprecedented internal social divisions of identity politics, and find the courage to withstand China’s “smoke-and-mirrors” gambit for world domination? According to David P. Goldman’s You Will Be Assimilated: China’s Plan to Sino-Form the World, “China” has seized the Fourth Industrial Revolution and thrown down the gauntlet globally, seeking the ultimate triumph of its “Made in China” strategy. Can democracies compete with dictatorships in the 21st century without becoming like their adversaries? And, can the U.S. declare its economic independence, rebuild its manufacturing, and strengthen democratic institutions, while reclaiming its technological leadership?

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