

No, Israel Isn't Falling Into China's Orbit

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Much has been made about their growing ties, but an in-depth look at their actual activity in various sectors shows that alarmism is unwarranted.

Two years ago, a writer in *Foreign Policy* lamented that the U.S. has tried and failed to “get Israel to break up with China.” A year later, it was the editor of the *Jerusalem Post* who argued that Israel “has to choose” between Washington and Beijing, while the *Washington Post* noted that Israel’s failure to do so was “testing its relationship with the U.S.” The concerns expressed in these and scores of other articles are all too real: the People’s Republic of China is a serious challenge, the U.S.-China rivalry is becoming more intense, and Washington is troubled by its allies’ entanglements with Beijing. But the issues are not quite so stark as we are often told...

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