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Washington veteran, Michael Pillsbury is a fluent Mandarin speaker who has served in senior national security positions in the U.S. government for the past four decades, with years of contact with the “hawks” in China’s military and intelligence agencies. He quietly became a key figure behind President Donald Trump’s confrontational China policy, to the dismay of Beijing—and some fellow China experts.

Pillsbury is the author of the best-selling books, *The Hundred-Year Marathon: China’s Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower* (2015), *China Debates the Future Security Environment* (2000) and editor of *Chinese Views of Future Warfare* (1998).

His most recent #1 national best-seller, *The Hundred-Year Marathon*, reveals China’s secret strategy to supplant the United States as the world’s dominant power, and to do so by 2049, the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic. *Foreign Affairs* called it “pungently written and rich in detail, this book deserves to enter the mainstream of debate over the future of U.S. Chinese relations.”

Pillsbury was educated at Stanford University (B.A. in History with Honors in Social Thought) and Columbia University (M.A., Ph.D.). Dr. Pillsbury has held multiple positions including Senior Fellow and Director for Chinese Strategy at the Hudson Institute, Assistant Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations, Doctoral Dissertation Fellow for the National Science Foundation in Taiwan, Analyst at the Social Science Department at RAND, and Research Fellow at the Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University.

During the Reagan administration, Dr. Pillsbury was the Assistant Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Planning and responsible for implementation of the program of covert aid known as the Reagan Doctrine. While an analyst at the RAND Corporation, Michael Pillsbury published articles in *Foreign Policy* and *International Security* recommending that the United States establish intelligence and military ties with China. The proposal, publicly commended by Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger, and James Schlesinger, later became US policy during the Carter and Reagan administrations.

Under President George H. W. Bush, Pillsbury was Special Assistant for Asian Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, reporting to Andrew W. Marshall, Director of Net Assessment. Michael Pillsbury is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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