

Puzzle: Why do Chinese public opinion and media discourse tend to perceive Japan as a military threat?

Possible explanations:

Realist power politics

Domestic political needs

Historical memory

Theory:

Victimization memory and threat perception

Historical analogy

Constructivism and the production of danger

The Remembering of the Second Sino-Japanese War in China:

Traumatic narratives and the othering of Japan

The reproduction and renewal of war memory

Learning from History: How China Views Japan's Changing Security Strategies

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From 'Wokou' to 'Guizi':

Japanese national character

Geopolitics and state strategies

Military images and militarism

The past in the present:

The 'revival of Japanese militarism'

The Japanese right wing

The Abe administration

Has Japan changed itself?

What if Japan revises its constitution and becomes a military power?

Will Japan invade China again as it did history?

Conclusion:

The persistent past

Memory and 'threat inflation'

The mutual legitimation of the past and the present