

The New Great Game



The Reemergence of Eurasian Land Power

Paradigm Shift: China's New Silk Roads vs America's Our Way of the Highway



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Back in the (Great) Game: The Revenge of Eurasian Land Powers

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Three Western Approaches **Historically**

3 Approaches

- Mackinder's Heartland Theory (1904)
- Spykman's Rimland Theory (1942)
- Mahan's Sea Power Theory (1890s)

Heartland Theory

- Based on Imperial Russia-Britain Great Game
- Anglo-American Land Power needed to
 - prevent Eurasian connectivity
 - Re-emergence of Great Land Power
- Reagan: We fought two world wars to prevent this from occurring.

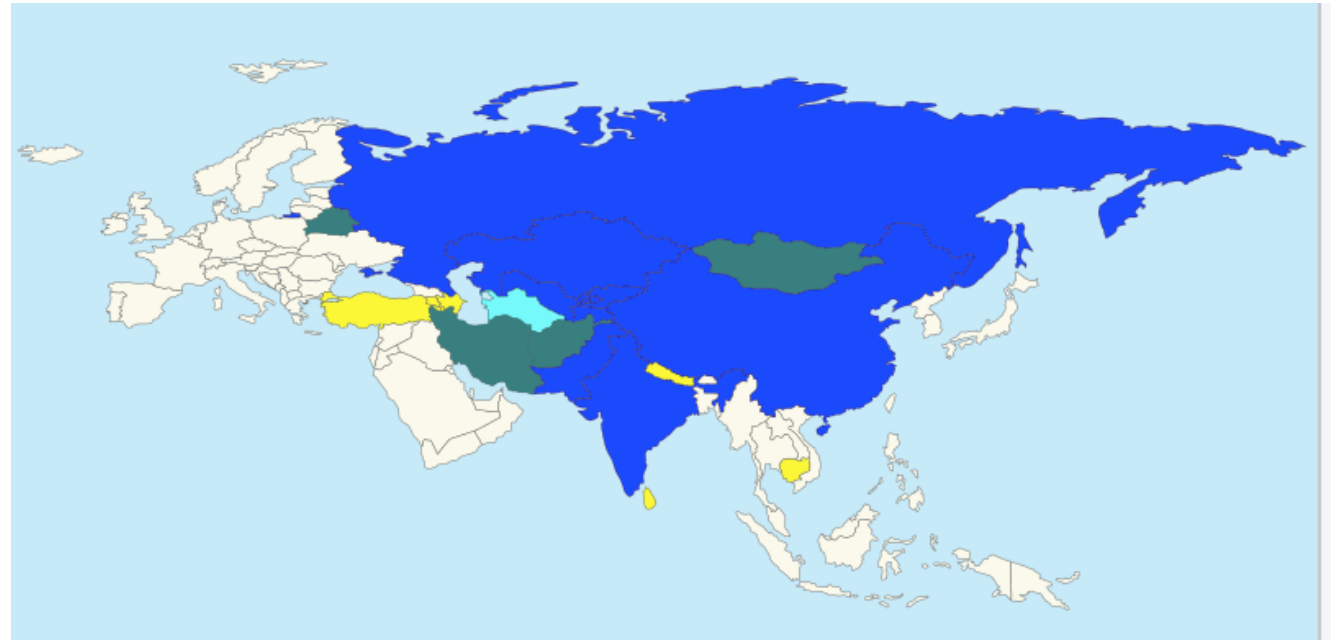
Heartland



Rimland Theory

- Mobile Maritime Power should focus on “offshore balancing”
- Key: to control peripheral edges of Eurasia – W Europe (North); Middle East; East Asia

Rimland



US Sea Power Theory

- “Island” US must become a “seaworthy giant” modeled on British Empire
- Island Chains – bases and allies dotting the Pacific and Indian Ocean
 - US
 - Japan
 - Australia
 - India

Sea Power

