Abstract

This study discusses "China in the US Presidential campaigns: Visions and Political realities" the different standpoints that both the Democrats and Republicans approached in the electoral campaigns for the White House Presidency. Both parties used "China" as a grave issue to argue on in their campaigns.

By the end of every presidential terms, the opposition heavily criticizes the ruling party for its frail positions towards China. This study reviewed the positions of the two parties candidates (Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama), on a variety of issues related to China including economy and commerce, Taiwan, Tibet and Human rights.

The study aims to distinguish between the electoral campaigns and the actual policies that the ruling party takes after reaching the White House. Because of many internal and external factors, the different American presidents adopt policies towards China, similar to each other nevertheless the differences among them during the electoral campaigns.