China

* Population -- 1.354 billion (most populated in the word)
* GDP per capita: $6,091
* Pres: Xi Jinping
  + Was VP to the former Chinese president Hu Jintao. Hu Jintao stepped down from presidency. (6-9 members of the political party have the ultimate power to select new leader)
  + Decision on who will govern was decided by private voting from the Chinese Communist Party authoritarian regime
* Collective action problem
  + Human rights, pollution, and corruption
    - 3-10 million people have participated in protests and at least 700 of these protests have ended with police intrusion
  + Results
    - The government does not rely on the loyalty of the people to stay in power
    - The people’s exit threat would be to move and leave the country
      * High costs
      * Instead, they violently voice their opinions and protest
* Selectorate theory
  + Selectorate: National Party Congress
    - 2100 members
  + Winning Coalition
    - Central committee
  + Leadership loyalty
    - Strong loyalty norm (to leader, but also to party)
    - Small ratio -- 200:2100
* Economy
  + Second largest number of people living in poverty
  + Communist Party of China
  + NPC -- beginning to assert its legislative role
  + People’s Liberation Army -- has a voice in government, trying to change their image after the Tiananmen Square incident
  + Exit strategy -- Urban population assets are becoming more liquid and are able to be hidden
  + Five year strategy accomplishments and consequences
    - 2011-2015 : Reduce their annual growth rate to focus on the quality of life
      * Greener growth, more inclusive development, pay attention to wage gap and relationship with the rest of the world
    - Mass migration to urban areas and only elderly/children left in the rural areas -- both groups are unable to feed themselves
  + Economy has the ability to continue to grow if the five year strategy is successful
* Future Strategy
  + In 2030, Xi Jinping will not be in power (removed in 2021)
  + No democracy -- stagnate