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## AI Arms Race, US and China: How Did We Get Here and Would There be Any Winners?

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During the past three years, in the wake of the rapid development of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), the already tense technology-related competition between the United States and China has intensified. AI has become the clear focus of U.S. efforts, which aim to slow the ability of Chinese companies to develop advanced models. This dynamic has spilled out across the globe and affected supply chains and countries across the AI stack. The 'geopolitics of AI' has now become the primary battleground between the United States and China, with unknown but increasingly negative externalities. Are there any winners in a US-China Arms Race Centered on AI?

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