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"While the U.S. government may view efforts targeting research on, with, or in China as necessary in the fight against intellectual theft, the Committee of 100 and University of Arizona survey results demonstrate why we cannot divorce racial and ethnic politics from national security. Racial profiling risks (1) non-Chinese researchers self-censoring collaboration efforts with Chinese researchers – regardless of the latter's nationality; and (2) Chinese researchers – again, independent of whether they hold a blue American passport or a red Chinese one – limiting the scope of their projects. Together, these two risks pose a much bigger threat than intellectual theft: They undermine American progress in scientific inquiry – both in the contemporary and in the long-term."

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