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Herman's bromance with Trump



Daniel Herman and Donald Trump make unexpected virtual bedfellows. They both violated the unwritten terms of the one-China policy and both succeeded in angering Beijing, but they did it from opposite ends of the political spectrum. Trump has apparently never said a critical word about human rights in China, and he is an "[unknown entity](#) as far as Tibet is concerned." By taking the [call from Taiwan's president](#), he was tipping his hat to hardliners in the Republican Party. [John R. Bolton](#), for example, wrote in Jan. about "modifying or even jettisoning the ambiguous one-China mantra" and playing the "Taiwan card" as a way to get Beijing to reverse its "territorial acquisitiveness" in the South China Sea. From this standpoint, Trump was using Taiwan to achieve military objectives. Herman sees himself as the next [Václav Havel](#) and used the Dalai Lama to further this agenda. As the Czechs like to say, when two people do the same thing, it's not the same.

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