Position: United States should threaten to boycott the 2008 Olympics

This position addresses the topic Darfur conflict.

For this position

"Beijing is uniquely positioned to put a stop to the slaughter, yet they have so far been unabashed in their refusal to do so. But there is now one thing that China may hold more dear than their unfettered access to Sudanese oil: their successful staging of the 2008 Summer Olympics. That desire may provide a lone point of leverage with a country that has otherwise been impervious to all criticism."

From The 'Genocide Olympics', by Ronan Farrow, Mia Farrow (The Wall Street Journal, March 28, 2007) (view)

Against this position

"China's rulers will use any blatant foreign "obstructionism" to whip up nationalist fervor and to focus resentment not on the lack of democracy in China, where it belongs, but on outsiders who would supposedly deny the Chinese people a moment in the sun. A smarter approach may be to let the natural pressures for diversity and change, which the Games will bring on their own, assert themselves inside China."

From The Wrong Way to Challenge China, by Jim Hoagland (The Washington Post, June 17, 2007) (view)

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