Code Red: Reading China through the Political Discourse of the CCP

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This research looks at the history, development and current use of the phrase “hostile forces,” or didui shili, within the political discourse of the Chinese Communist Party, and explores the ways in which the quantitative and qualitative study of key terms, or tifa, in China's “mainstream” Party discourse can assist in monitoring political trends in China.