Women

- Gained right to vote in 1953
- 1966:
  - Banned foot binding
  - Banned child marriages
  - Banned arranged marriages
  - Banned concubinage
    - Possession of other women
  - Banned prostitution
  - Banned pornography
  - Women’s federation was set up
  - Women could hold land under reforms but were usually unable to do anything with it
  - Urban employment opportunities
    - Low pay
  - Access to male jobs
  - Increase in education

Foreign Policy

- Korean war 1950-53
  - Communist North
  - Capitalist South
  - Got caught up in the Cold War
  - Gave China no advantages
- Pro-Soviet until 1960
  - Soldiers had been trained in Moscow
  - Heavily dependent on Soviet finance for survival
  - February 1950 – formed alliance with USSR
  - West and USA became suspicious despite friendly gestures by Mao
- Sino-Soviet split 1960s
- Sino-Indian war 1962
- Vietnam
- 1972 – President Nixon visits

Propaganda

- Spread ideology
- Encouraged activism
- Praised emerging communist states
  - Albania
  - North Korea
- Capitalists and revisionists were attacked
  - USA
  - Soviet Union
- Spread through the media