

Tsai-McCarthy meeting: Is Taiwan in danger of being loved to death?

Taiwan is caught in the middle of a dangerous love triangle.

Last week Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen was welcomed to New York - now she's held a face-to-face meeting in California with the speaker of the US House of Representatives Kevin McCarthy.

Supporters waved Taiwan flags; after the two politicians entered the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library a small plane flew over towing a pro-Beijing banner saying "One China! Taiwan is part of China!"

Ms Tsai gave a short statement, saying Taiwan's democracy was "facing unprecedented challenges" and adding that the island was "grateful to have the US by its side".

The timing is hardly a coincidence. In the US there is deep and growing hostility to China. And this is driving ever more open displays of support for Taiwan, with Democrats and Republicans competing to out-do each other.

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