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Outline

Question: What are the determinants of China's nuclear arsenal size?

I. Introduction

- A. Why does arsenal size matter?
 - i. Moving beyond initial decision to build bomb
 - ii. Arms control/proliferation
 - iii. Domestic/international politics
 - iv. Costs
- B. Status of literature
 - i. Limited, indirect
 - ii. US-Soviet dominance
 - iii. Post-Cold War

II. Explanations

- A. Practical
 - i. Technical
 - ii. Economic (Gupta 2001)
- B. Military
 - i. Countervalue (Lieber 1966)
 - ii. Counterforce (Odom 1983)
 - iii. Second-strike capability (Ruina 1987)
 - iv. Flexibility (Buteux 1977)
 - v. Credibility (O'Neil 1995)
 - vi. Deterrence (Wang 1984, Waltz 2004)
- C. Organizational
 - i. Bureaucratic inertia (Barnaby 1987)
 - ii. Budget maximization
 - iii. Military-Industrial complex (Monteiro 1986)
- D. Political
 - i. Domestic (Richelson 1982, Perkovich 1992, Sagan 2004)
 - ii. International (Kohl 1968)
 - iii. Perception (Brown 1981)

III. Conclusions

- A. Dominant explanations, case study vs. theory, synthesis

IV. Research Design

V. Bibliography

(Note: I obviously have more sources than what is listed here (plus overlap), they just aren't worked into the outline yet. Also need to work in ABM, relative vs absolute measures.)