

Global Threats & Challenges

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Agenda



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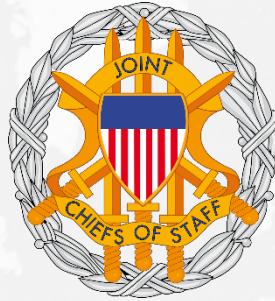
- Security Environment Overview
- Global Priorities
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- Integrated Deterrence
- Campaigning
- Advance Regional Goals with Allied Support
- Force Employment

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Strategic Environment



Security Environment Overview



As the NSS directs, this Strategy recognizes very clearly that not all threats are of equal severity, gravity, and consequence. But even those of lesser salience still matter and must not be ignored. (NDS)

CHALLENGES AHEAD

- **Homeland and Hemisphere** – Military Threats / U.S. Interests
- **PRC** – Threat to Indo-Pacific
- **Russia** – Persistent, but manageable threat to NATO's east flank
- **Iran** – “Axis of Resistance” and nuclear weapons pursuit
- **DPRK** – Threat to neighbors and U.S. Homeland
- **The Simultaneity Problem and Burden-Sharing**





Global Priorities



The National Security Strategy is prepared periodically by the executive branch and lists the **national security concerns** and how the administration plans to deal with them.

Asia: Win the Economic Future, Prevent Military Confrontation

- Leading from a position of strength
- Economics: The ultimate stakes
- Deterring Military Threats

Promoting European Greatness

- European stability within and with Russia
- Enable European self-security
- Open EU markets to U.S.

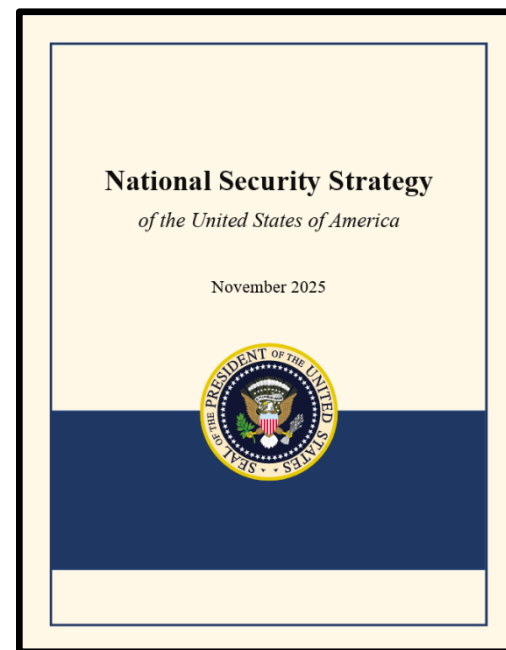
The Middle East: Shift Burdens, Build Peace

- Iran
- Domestic U.S. Energy Productions

Africa

- Partner to ameliorate conflict, foster trade, investment instead of aid-focus

Key Takeaway: Stopping regional conflicts before they spiral into global wars that drag down whole continents... A world on fire, where wars come to our shores, is bad for American interests.



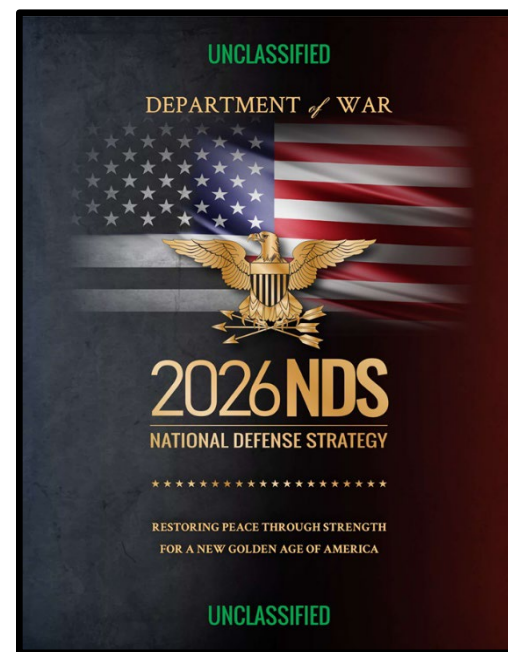


Defense Priorities

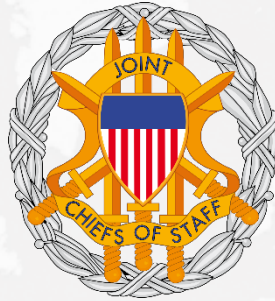


The National Defense Strategy details the DoW's path forward to protect Americans, promote global security, seize new strategic opportunities, and defend our democratic values.

- **Defend the homeland**
- **Deter China in the Indo-Pacific Through Strength, Not Confrontation**
- **Increase Burden-Sharing with U.S. Allies and Partners**
 - “Simultaneity Problem”
- **Supercharge the U.S. Defense Industrial Base**



Key Takeaway: Prioritize missions that matter most for Americans' security, freedom, and prosperity.



Strategic Approach



Defend the Homeland



More direct military threats to the American Homeland have also grown in recent years, including nuclear threats as well as a variety of conventional strike and space, cyber, electromagnetic warfare capabilities.

Secure our Borders and counter Narco-Terrorists in the Hemisphere

- Seal Borders
- Develop Partners' ability to degrade NTOs

Secure Key Terrain

- Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine
- Golden Dome, Drone Defense

Modernize/Adapt U.S. Nuclear Forces

- Deterrence and escalation Management

Deter/Defend against Cyber Threats

- Bolster Cyber defenses for U.S. military and certain civilian targets



Key Takeaway: The DoW will restore American military dominance in the Western Hemisphere.



Deter China



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Peace Through Strength

- Enable POTUS to Negotiate from Position of Strength

Work with Allies in area for Collective Defense

- Akin to “Burden Sharing”

Build Strong Denial Defense

- Ensure Joint Force strikes anywhere



Key Takeaway: DoW will provide the military strength to set conditions for a balance of power in the Indo-Pacific that allows all of us—the United States, China, and others in the region—to enjoy a decent peace



Increased Burden Sharing



Relies on sensibly and prudently pressing and enabling U.S. allies and partners to take primary responsibility for defending against those other threats, with critical but more limited U.S. support.

Strengthen Incentives for Allies/Partners

- Nations take primary responsibility for own defense
- Close collaboration on force/operational planning

Regions:

Western Hemisphere

Europe

Middle East

Africa

Korean Peninsula

Defense investment
by Allies safeguards
freedoms for all of us.

— U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NATO
MATTHEW G. WHITAKER



Key Takeaway: Prioritize cooperation and engagements with model allies—those who are spending as they need to and visibly doing more against threats in their regions, with critical but limited U.S. support



Defense Industrial Base



DIB is the foundation to rebuilding and adapting our military

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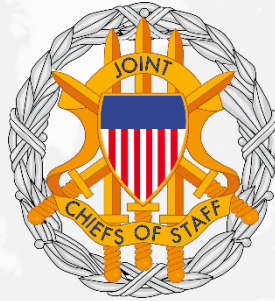
- Arm U.S. Military
- Arm Allies / Partners
- Deterring Strategic Attacks

Secured development

- Grow organic sustainment
- Protect U.S. Military Options



Key Takeaway: Our readiness, lethality, range, and survivability—and, ultimately, the military options we provide—are directly linked to the DIB



Q & A