

What is Driving Our National Security Interests These Days?

A Review of the new National Security and National Defense Strategies

A Presentation to the *Northern Neck Patriots*

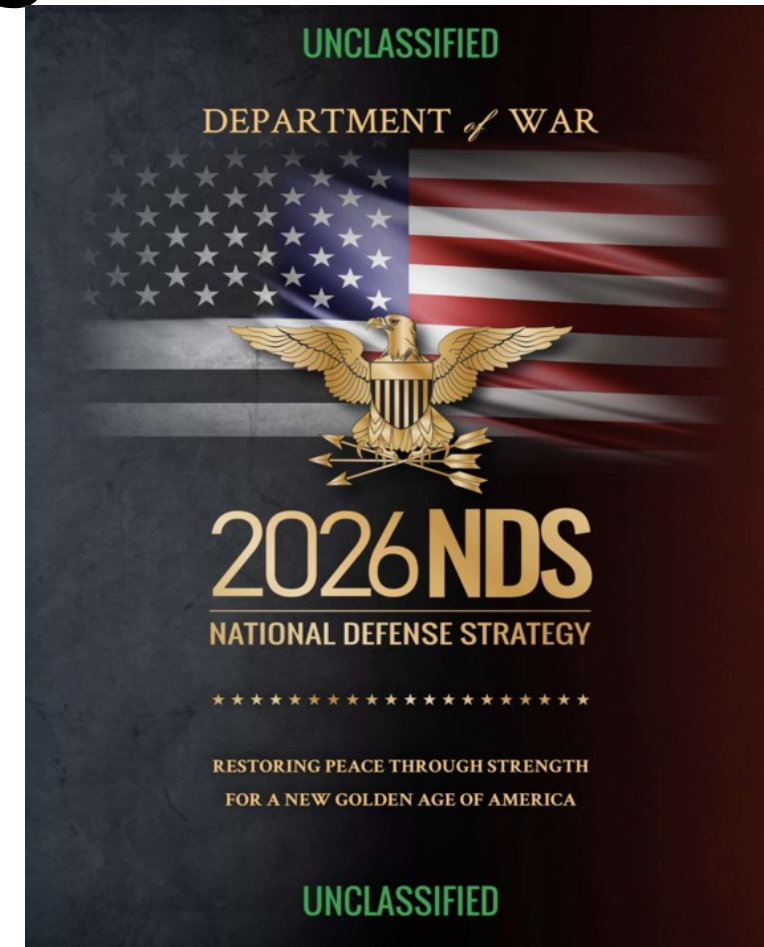
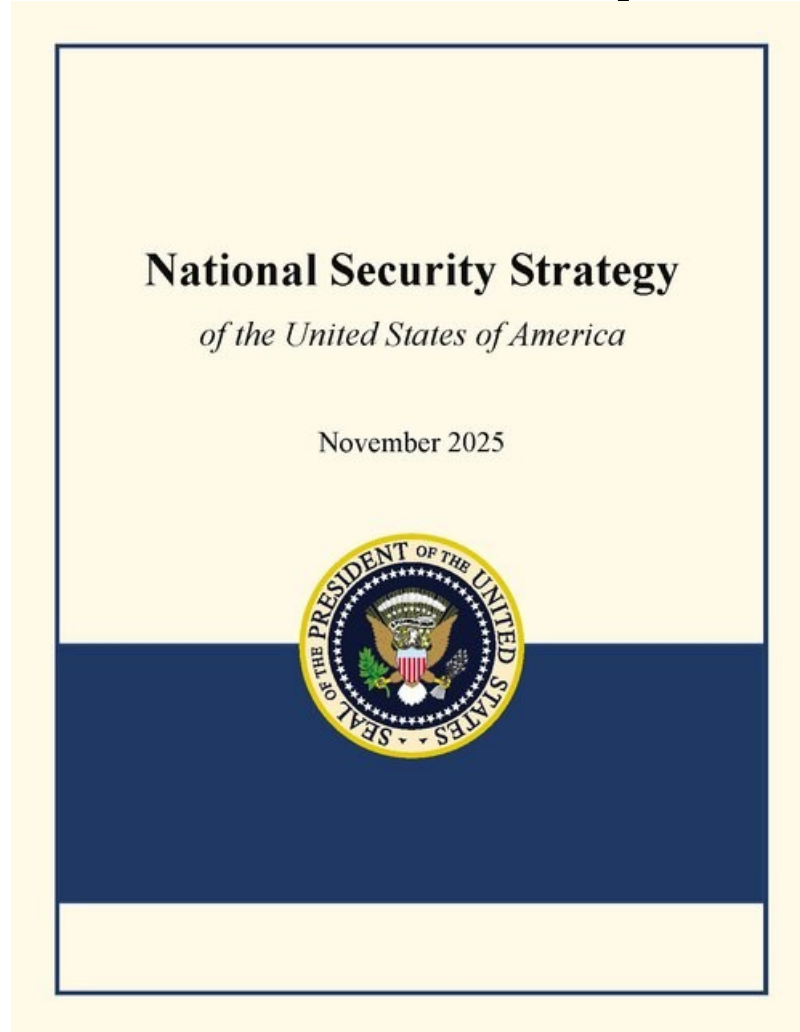
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New, Governing Strategic Direction



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Introduction to NSS and NDS

- Crafted and Issued within the **first year of a new Presidential Administration**
- Centered on **U.S. and global national security challenges**
- Stipulates the **POTUS and NSC view of U.S. and global challenges** (*current and projected*)
- **Directs focus, resources, and action** by Federal Agencies/Departments (CIA, DNI, DoD, DHS, DoS, HHS, etc.)
- Describes how the U.S. will **respond and shape the environment diplomatically, militarily and economically to enhance peace and stability and U.S. interests around the globe.**

Purpose of the NSS

- What is **occurring around the world** that could (or presently does) impact the U.S. national security ?
- What are the **impacts of these national security challenges** ?
- How should we **view these challenges** ?
- How do **international organizations, and our Partners and Allies, view these challenges** (e.g., U.N., NATO, ASEAN) ?
- **How serious and urgent** are these challenges ? Do they require a diplomatic, military or economic solution (or combination) ?
- What is the **proper role of the U.S.** to address these challenges ?

Key Points of the new ***National Security Strategy*** (“***America First***”)

- Principles:

- Focused definition of the National Interest
- Peace Through Strength
- Pre-disposition to non-intervention
- Flexible Realism
- Primacy of Nations
- Sovereignty and Respect
- Balance of Power
- Pro-American Worker
- Fairness, and
- Competence and Merit

Key Points of the new ***National Security Strategy***

- Priorities:

- The Era of Mass Migration is Over
- Protection of Core Rights and Liberties
- Burden Sharing and Burden Shifting
- Realignment Through Peace
- Economic Security (ie., balanced trade, securing access to critical supply chains and materials, re-industrialization)
- Reviving our Defense Industrial Base
- Energy Dominance
- Preserving, and Growing, America's Financial Sector Dominance

Key Points of the new *National Security Strategy*

- Regions:
 - Western Hemisphere : “Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine”-- Enlist and Expand
 - Asia: Win the Economic Future, Prevent Confrontation (Leading from a Position of Strength, Deterring Military Threats)
 - Promoting European Greatness
 - Middle East: Shift Burdens, Build Peace
 - Africa: Ameliorate Conflict, Foster mutually beneficial trade, transition from foreign aid program to investment and growth capitalizing on Africa natural resources.

Implications

New and clear *focus on:*

- **Global economic development and trade**
 - U.S. has a lot to offer, and we will take a leadership roll to bring the rest of the world up
- **Proactively avoiding conflict** (through U.S. *military strength, aggressive diplomacy, strong effective alliances*).
- **Grow the value of democracy / friendships around the world**

Purpose of the *National Defense*

Strategy

- What are the threats globally ?
- What do they mean for the U.S. ?
- How should we view these challenges ?
- Is there a role for our Allies and Partners to help resolve these challenges ? (e.g., Treaty's)
- How might diplomacy contribute to mitigate the threats ?
- What changes in policy, equipage, doctrine, and plans are required ?
- What are the ramifications of these requirements on the DoD / DoW budget ? (DOTMLPF-P)
- How and when should we present these challenges to Congress (SASC/HASC) to grow their understanding and acquiescence for increased financial resources (FY-26: \$987B, FY-27: \$1.17B)

Carl von Clausewitz "trinity" of war: "You should have the full support of the **People, the Congress and the Military** before going to war ! "

Key Points to new ***National Defense Strategy***

- **Focus:**

- It is neither America's duty nor in our Nation's interest to act everywhere on our own; (*"We are not the World's policeman"*)
- Nor will we make up for Allied security shortfalls from their irresponsible choices;
- DoW will prioritize the most important, consequential and dangerous threats to American interests We will restore the "Warrior Ethos" and re-build the Joint Force so that America's enemies never doubt our resolve or ability to respond decisively

Key Points to new ***National Defense Strategy*** (cont'd.)

- **Lines of Effort:**

- (1) We will defend the Homeland

- (2) Ensure that our interests in the Western Hemisphere are protected

- (3) We will deter China through strength, not confrontation

- (4) We will increase burden-sharing with Allies/Partners

- (5) We will re-build our Defense Industrial Base

Implications

- The **purpose of the U.S. Armed Forces is, exclusively, to fight and win the Nation's wars** (nothing more or less)
- We will **build “warriors” and re-instill a merit-based “Warrior Ethos” throughout the Force** (*no more “wokeness and DEI*). ***ALL training will be warfighting-focused***
- **No longer will the U.S. Armed Forces be distracted** by interventionism, endless wars, regime change, or nation-building.

(interesting departure from JFK's 1962 inaugural speech: *“We will support any friend and defeat any foe to support and defend the advancement of freedom around the world !”*)



Summary

“It is a strange, strange (and complex) world we live in Master Jack !”

Thank You for your time, attention, and interest in this VERY important topic !

Questions ?