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USA Defense

New Atlanticist

The Biden administration finally has a Black Sea security strategy. It's what comes next that matters.

The Biden administration's strategy on Black Sea security is coming into focus. It will take time and strong partnerships to execute.

By Arnold C. Dupuy

Dec 5, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-biden-administration-finally-has-a-black-sea-security-strategy-its-what-comes-next-that-matters/>

Report

Disrupting the Chinese Military in Competition and Low-Intensity Conflict

There are certain tasks required for China's military to execute key competition and low-intensity conflict missions. Those tasks have potential vulnerabilities that the United States could leverage to disrupt China's strategic goals and constrain its ability to harm U.S. interests.

Timothy R. Heath, Eric Robinson, Christian Curriden, Derek Grossman, Sale Lilly, Daniel Egel, Gabrielle Tarini

Dec 5, 2023

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Reality Check: Chinese Military Spending in Context

William D. Hartung, Brown University Watson Institute Costs of War Project

December 5, 2023

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<https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2023/Hartung-%20Chinese%20Military%20Spending%20in%20Context.docx.pdf>

Digital Report | CSIS

Deter and Divide: Russia's Nuclear Rhetoric & Escalation Risks in Ukraine

Russia's nuclear threats have underpinned each stage of the war in Ukraine as Putin attempts to deter and divide NATO support. However, if Russia faces battlefield setbacks, its nuclear threats could intensify, testing NATO's resolve.

by Heather Williams Kelsey Hartigan Lachlan MacKenzie and Reja Younis

December 4, 2023

<https://features.csis.org/deter-and-divide-russia-nuclear-rhetoric/>

Report

No Sanctuary: The PLA's Kinetic Threat to the Homeland

Without adequate U.S. preparations, a large-scale—or even small but effectively targeted— PLA strike against the United States could be devastating, not only in terms of direct costs but on the ability of the United States to wage a war.

by William Kim and Elbridge A. Colby

Dec. 4, 2023

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<https://themarathoninitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/TMI-No-Sanctuary-Kim-Colby-FINAL.pdf>

Report

American Deterrence Unpacked

The United States is at a crossroads in terms of its ability to employ the most fundamental, yet immensely important, weapon in its foreign policy arsenal: deterrence. Thanks to rosy assumptions that clear intelligence, conventional military superiority, and nuclear escalation dominance will enable victory on condensed timelines, the United States has seen its hard power capabilities erode, and in turn, this has chipped away at its ability to deter. American hard power once allowed the U.S. military to stand high above the rest, but it has since become akin to a mansion with pristine gardens yet vacant rooms and a decaying foundation.

The Kissinger Center Papers

By Mackenzie Eaglen | Dustin Walker

December 01, 2023

<https://sais.jhu.edu/kissinger/programs-and-projects/kissinger-center-papers/american-deterrence-unpacked>

Report

Deliberate nuclear use in a war over Taiwan: Scenarios and considerations for the United States

Matthew Kroenig argues the US and the PRC would have incentives to use nuclear weapons in a Taiwan war. The US must deter PRC nuclear use.

By Matthew Kroenig

Nov 30, 2023

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<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Kroenig-Deliberate-Nuclear-Use-in-a-War-over-Taiwan.pdf>

Commentary

Washington's Pursuit of Hegemony Undermines American Security

America is safe—so long as we don't pick the wrong fights.

November 30, 2023 •

By Doug Bandow

<https://www.cato.org/commentary/washingtons-pursuit-hegemony-undermines-american-security#>

Report

Conflict Projections in U.S. Central Command: Incorporating Climate Change

This report presents an analysis of the impact of climate change on the frequency of conflict in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Mark Toukan, Stephen Watts, Emily Allendorf, Jeffrey Martini, Karen M. Sudkamp, Nathan Chandler, Maggie Habib

Nov 29, 2023

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Report

U.S.-Japan Alliance Conference: The U.S.-Japan Alliance in an Era of Strategic Competition

These proceedings present insights that experts of Europe, Japan, Taiwan, and U.S. security policies presented at RAND Corporation-hosted virtual conferences that explored relevant issues on the U.S.-Japan alliance regarding strategic competition.

Jeffrey W. Hornung

Nov 29, 2023

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New Atlanticist

As the US faces down new nuclear threats, will Cold War solutions work once again?

The tripolar nuclear power world is certainly new; but the deterrence theories of the Cold War may not need to be completely changed, our experts find.

By Alyxandra Marine

Nov 28, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/as-the-us-faces-down-new-nuclear-threats-will-cold-war-solutions-work-once-again/>

Report

Improving Conflict-Phase Access: Identifying U.S. Policy Levers

This report explores how U.S. allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific are likely to respond to military access requests in the event of a conflict with China and what policy levers the United States might use in peacetime to affect those responses.

Bryan Frederick, Kristen Gunness, Gabrielle Tarini, Andrew Stravers, Michael J. Mazarr, Emily Ellinger, Jonah Blank, Shawn Cochran, Jeffrey W. Hornung, Lyle J. Morris, Jordan Ernstsen, Lydia Grek, Howard Wang, Lev Navarre Chao

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Report

Designing A Strange Game: A Nuclear Wargame for the 21st Century

This report details the theoretical motivation and design of a wargame meant to address the lack of serious games that consider nuclear weapon employment and tools available to teach stakeholders about the challenges of nuclear weapon employment.

Stephen M. Worman, David R. Frelinger, David A. Shlapak, Katherine Pfrommer, Kelly Elizabeth Eusebi, Jenny Oberholtzer

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Report

Revisiting RAND's Russia Wargames After the Invasion of Ukraine: Summary and Implications

This report summarizes reexamined RAND tabletop exercises involving Russia from the past eight years in a review of wargaming methods and analysis and presents implications for future potential conflicts involving major powers.

Gian Gentile, John C. Jackson, Karl P. Mueller, D. Sean Barnett, Mark Hvizda, Bradley Martin, David A. Ochmanek, Clint Reach, Barry Wilson

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Issue Brief

US homeland missile defense: Room for expanded roles

Matthew Costlow & Robert Soofer explore how expanded roles for US homeland missile defense could enhance deterrence with two nuclear peers

By Robert Soofer and Matthew Costlow

Nov 15, 2023

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<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Costlow-Soofer-Homeland-Missile-Defense.pdf>

National Security

Foreign Policy

Commentary

October 7 Has Not Changed the Middle East

Contrary to widespread belief, neither Hamas' attack nor Israel's response have shifted the fundamental dynamics of the Middle East.

By Patrick Porter

December 4, 2023

<https://www.cato.org/commentary/7-october-has-not-changed-middle-east#>

Commentary

The Trumpist Manifesto: The Republican struggle for a second-term foreign policy

The prospect of Donald Trump's return to the US presidency has left three Republican tribes vying it out to fill in the details of his hazy foreign policy ambitions

Majda Ruge, Jeremy Shapiro

4 December 2023

<https://ecfr.eu/article/the-trumpist-manifesto/>

Report | CNAS

No Winners in This Game
Assessing the U.S. Playbook for Sanctioning China

By: Emily Kilcrease

December 01, 2023

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https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/files.cnas.org/documents/EES-No-Winners_Final-1.pdf

Report

The future of multilateral peacebuilding and conflict prevention

The multilateral system, defined as the set of rules, norms, and institutions that together constitute the world's governance architecture, is not static.

By Peter Engelke, Anca Agachi, Imran Bayoumi

Nov 30, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/the-future-of-multilateral-peacebuilding-and-conflict-prevention/>

CRS Report

Israel and Hamas 2023 Conflict In Brief: Overview, U.S. Policy, and Options for Congress

Jim Zanotti, Jeremy M. Sharp

Nov 30, 2023

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<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R47828>

Commentary

Biden Sets Record on U.S. Taxpayer Funding for an Unappreciative U.N.

Brett D. Schaefer

Nov 28, 2023

<https://www.heritage.org/global-politics/commentary/biden-sets-record-us-taxpayer-funding-unappreciative-un>

Policy Analysis

Balancing U.S. Relations in North Africa Without Undermining the Abraham Accords

by Sabina Henneberg, Amine Ghouli

Nov 22, 2023

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/balancing-us-relations-north-africa-without-undermining-abraham-accords>

Online Analysis

The US Department of State renames its arms-control bureau

The change reflects the evolution of the bureau's mission, from its traditional role overseeing the implementation of arms-control agreements to a focus on deterrence and risk reduction.

William Alberque

22nd November 2023

<https://www.iiss.org/online-analysis/online-analysis/2023/11/us-department-of-state-renames-its-arms-control-bureau/>

New Atlanticist

The post-October 7 US strategy in the Middle East is coming into focus

While the conflict has increased the urgency for the United States to engage in the region, it is just one of several developments that require renewed US leadership.

By Daniel E. Mouton

Nov 21, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-post-october-7-us-strategy-in-the-middle-east-is-coming-into-focus/>

Report

The United States and China—Designing a Shared Future: The Potential for Track 2 Initiatives to Design an Agenda for Coexistence

The U.S.-China rivalry is intensifying, causing a high level of mistrust and stifling the impacts of Track 1.5 and Track 2 dialogues. A new Track 2 initiative is needed to design a shared future and stem the decline in U.S.-China relations.

Amanda Kerrigan, Lydia Grek, Michael J. Mazarr

Nov 21, 2023

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Article

Israel-Hamas Conflict: 5 Actions Washington Should Prioritize Now

The United States has an obligation to support Israel's defense, but it should not be a blank check for collective punishment that brutalizes innocent civilians; the Biden administration should urge an immediate humanitarian ceasefire.

Patrick Gaspard; Allison McManus

Nov 17, 2023

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/israel-hamas-conflict-5-actions-washington-should-prioritize-now/>

Report

Sino-American Competition, Global Strategy, and the Place of the Middle East

The Middle East has for so long dominated the United States' vision of its threats that it has come to distort the latter's picture of the globe; a correction of these distortions is overdue. The United States also has a significant, if at present strained, informal alliance structure in the region and considerable assets — soft and hard — that should not be abandoned. What is needed is a sense of proportion, balance, and conceptual coherence for the partnerships among the United States and like-minded Middle Eastern states to guide the re-prioritization inherent in the idea of a rational pivot.

by David Hale

Nov 8, 2023

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<https://themarathoninitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/TMI-DavidHale-MiddleEast-2023-11-08.pdf>

Economics, Trade and Finance

Research Briefs in Economic Policy

Is the Global Economy Deglobalizing? And If So, Why? And What Is Next?

Our research critically assesses existing evidence regarding the deglobalization hypothesis, analyzes the causes of a potential deglobalization trend, and speculates about the consequences of potential deglobalization.

By Pinelopi Goldberg and Tristan Reed

December 6, 2023

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<https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/2023-11/RB361.pdf>

Working Paper

Many creditors, one large debtor

Understanding the buildup of global stock imbalances after the global financial crisis

The past decade has seen a remarkable widening of global creditor and debtor positions in relation to world GDP, with the lion's share of net external liabilities accounted for by the United States, and a surge in net global claims, particularly in advanced Europe and smaller economies of advanced Asia. This has occurred despite a compression in global net borrowing and lending, reflected in shrinking current account imbalances. This paper explores the factors underpinning these developments.

Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti

December 5, 2023

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Report

Trade Beyond Neoliberalism: Concluding a Global Arrangement on Sustainable Steel and Aluminum

A proposed trade deal with the European Union offers a historic opportunity to align the global economy with climate action and the interests of workers—but only if Washington and Brussels can put aside their differences.

Trevor Sutton, Mike Williams

Dec 4, 2023

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/trade-beyond-neoliberalism-concluding-a-global-arrangement-on-sustainable-steel-and-aluminum/>

Commentary

Defund the Self-Appointed Global Tax Authorities at the OECD

Dec 4, 2023

Preston Brashers

<https://www.heritage.org/taxes/commentary/defund-the-self-appointed-global-tax-authorities-the-oecd>

Economics Working Papers

Central Bank Oversight: Assessing the Fed's Accountability to Congress

Andrew T. Levin, Christina Parajon Skinner

December 4, 2023

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<https://www.hoover.org/sites/default/files/research/docs/23120-Levin-Skinner-1.pdf>

Econographics

Financialization has increased economic fragility

By Hung Tran

December 1, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/econographics/financialization-has-increased-economic-fragility/>

New Atlanticist

The future of digital currencies depends on interoperability. How can it be achieved?

When it comes to the future of digital currencies, interoperability is top of mind for governments and financial institutions.

By Daniel Hojnacki

Nov 30, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-future-of-digital-currencies-depends-on-interoperability/>

Commentary

Failure of “Bidenomics” Is Rankling Americans

EJ Antoni, Peter St Onge

Nov 30, 2023

<https://www.heritage.org/markets-and-finance/commentary/failure-bidenomics-rankling-americans>

Commentary

What is bank capital? What is the Basel III Endgame?

David Wessel

November 29, 2023

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-is-bank-capital-what-is-the-basel-iii-endgame/>

Report | Hudson Institute

China’s Economic Weakness and Challenge to the Bretton Woods System: How Should the US Respond?

Thomas J. Duesterberg

Nov 28, 2023

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Research

Why did the budget deficit grow so much in FY 2023? And what does this imply about the future debt trajectory?

Louise Sheiner and Alexander Conner

November 22, 2023

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-did-the-budget-deficit-grow-so-much-in-fy-2023-and-what-does-this-imply-about-the-future-debt-trajectory/>

Report

How Inflation Reduction Act Electric Vehicle Incentives Are Driving a U.S. Manufacturing Renaissance

More than a dozen new incentives enacted through the Inflation Reduction Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act have sent investments in EV manufacturing skyrocketing, resulting in more than 84,000 announced jobs in just the first year of implementation.

Leo Banks

Nov 22, 2023

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/how-inflation-reduction-act-electric-vehicle-incentives-are-driving-a-u-s-manufacturing-renaissance/>

Working Papers

Trade hyperglobalization is dead. Long live...?

Arvind Subramanian (PIIE), Martin Kessler (Finance for Development Lab) and Emanuele Properzi (Finance for Development Lab)

November 22, 2023

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<https://www.piie.com/sites/default/files/2023-11/wp23-11.pdf>

AEIdeas

(Another) Nadir in American Trade and Tech Policy

By Claude Barfield

November 21, 2023

<https://www.aei.org/technology-and-innovation/another-nadir-in-american-trade-tech-policy/>

Article

The IPEF Supply Chain Agreement Is a Win for U.S. Industrial Policy

The new Indo-Pacific supply chain deal demonstrates how the Biden Administration's new approach to foreign and economic policy furthers its industrial strategy.

Ryan Mulholland

Nov 20, 2023

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-ipef-supply-chain-agreement-is-a-win-for-u-s-industrial-policy/>

Speeches & Papers

What's at stake for America at the upcoming WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13) at Abu Dhabi in February 2024

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

November 20, 2023

<https://www.piie.com/commentary/speeches-papers/whats-stake-america-upcoming-wto-ministerial-conference-mc13-abu-dhabi>

Report | CSIS

Rethinking Technology Transfer Policy toward China

The West needs to adopt a new strategy for its technology transfer policy towards China. In this white paper CSIS's James A. Lewis explores how the West should coordinate its response to countering China's conduct in global markets.

by James Andrew Lewis

November 17, 2023

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https://csis-website-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2023-11/231117_Lewis_Rethinking-TechPolicyTowardChina.pdf?VersionId=2QdO5.uuDzktcERMyET8ymqKPcNd90Qe

New Atlanticist

EU and US officials break down their deepening trade cooperation

By Daniel Hojnacki

November 16, 2023

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/eu-and-us-officials-break-down-their-deepening-trade-cooperation/>

Report | CSIS

IRA Incentives and Pillar Two - Examining Global Minimum Taxation's Effect on the Green Transition

The CSIS Scholl Chair report outlines the interaction of OECD's Pillar Two on global minimum taxation and U.S. tax incentives through lens of the Inflation Reduction Act Section 45x credits.

by Thibault Denamiel Joyce Bongongo and William Alan Reinsch

November 16, 2023

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RealTime Economics

Towards an integrated framework to restructure sovereign debt

Sean Hagan (PIIE)

November 16, 2023

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/towards-integrated-framework-restructure-sovereign-debt>

Testimony

The Inflation Reduction Act: A Year in Review

Preston Brashers

November 13, 2023

<https://www.heritage.org/markets-and-finance/report/the-inflation-reduction-act-year-review>

RealTime Economics

The WTO must prevent the erosion of the rules of the world trading system at its next ministerial conference

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

November 13, 2023

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/wto-must-prevent-erosion-rules-world-trading-system-its-next-ministerial>

Domestic Politics

Book

God, Guns, and Sedition

Far-Right Terrorism in America

A riveting exploration of the current state of far-right terrorism in the United States—and recommendations to stop its rise.

by Bruce Hoffman and Jacob Ware

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Research

New census projections show immigration is essential to the growth and vitality of a more diverse US population

William H. Frey

November 29, 2023

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/new-census-projections-show-immigration-is-essential-to-the-growth-and-vitality-of-a-more-diverse-us-population/>

Commentary

Conservatives' Cornerstone

The Conservative Mind by Russell Kirk is the most important book about conservatism ever written. Kirk's book offers an ingenious corrective to conventional wisdom about the Right, which is so often portrayed as a negative politics of opposition. Conservatism's tumult since 2016, too often portrayed as a tragedy or comedy, is better understood as an opportunity.

Kevin D. Roberts

Nov 28, 2023

<https://www.heritage.org/conservatism/commentary/conservatives-cornerstone>

Article

Confronting America's Crisis In Trust

Hoover Institution fellow Brandice Canes-Wrone discusses the mission of the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions and why it is important.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

<https://www.hoover.org/research/confronting-americas-crisis-trust>

Commentary

Tracking the invisible primary: Will Nikki Haley be the surprise?

Elaine Kamarck

November 20, 2023

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/tracking-the-invisible-primary-will-nikki-haley-be-the-surprise/>

Book | CATO

Freedom in the 50 States

This 2023 edition of Freedom in the 50 States presents a completely revised and updated ranking of the American states on the basis of how their policies promote freedom in the fiscal, regulatory, and personal realms.

By William Ruger and Jason Sorens

15. November 2023

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Foresight

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POLICY PERSPECTIVE | CGAI

Canada's CPTPP Leadership in 2024: Managing the Rival Accession Bids of China and Taiwan

by Kristen Hopewell

November 2023

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