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#### **Extension of New START Central Limits: Overview of the Expert Debate**

Anya L. Fink

January 13, 2026

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#### **How China reads the 2025 US National Security Strategy**

China's strategic community broadly cautions against interpreting the U.S. emphasis on the Western Hemisphere as an overall easing of China's external strategic environment.

Sun Chenghao

January 12, 2026

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#### **Trump's \$1.5 Trillion Defense Budget Should Not Come as a Surprise**

In the context of global threats to the United States, a long overdue defense modernization bill, and the ambitions of Trump's signature defense priorities, perhaps the budget request should have been expected.

by Erin D. Dumbacher, Michael C. Horowitz, and Lauren Kahn

January 9, 2026

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**Lighting the Path Ahead: Scenario-Based Planning in the Tripolar Nuclear Age**

This study employs scenario-based planning to assess new and important challenges that may confront the United States nuclear forces in the 2035–45 time frame, referred to as the planning horizon. In so doing, it provides a way of gauging these forces' prospective effectiveness.

Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr.

Jan 8, 2026

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**Africa in Focus: Options for the New Administration**

Ethan Tan

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Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, Dr. Patrick Keller

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**The Consequences for China of “Minor Conflict” and “Major War” Scenarios**

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By Paul van Hooft

Dec 23, 2025

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### **America's G20 opportunity**

Brahima Sangafowa Coulibaly and Zia Qureshi

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### **Nuclear Arms Control in the First Year of the Second Trump Administration**

This paper outlines the choices for the United States response in the aftermath of the expiration of the New START Treaty and the rise of China as a formidable nuclear player, within the context of the second Trump administration.

By: Edward M. Ifft

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Policy Analysis

### **Iran at a Watershed Moment? The Case for Meaningful U.S. Action**

by Farzin Nadimi, Patrick Clawson

Jan 13, 2026

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The effects of a US strike in Iran could range from disaster to deliverance.

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Bilal Y. Saab

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Dr Ehud Eilam

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Rebeccah L. Heinrichs

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von Tobias Fella

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**Greenland, Rare Earths, and Arctic Security**

Greenland holds globally significant rare earth resources, but harsh conditions and weak infrastructure have stalled mining. U.S. interests are best advanced not through coercion, but coordinated investment with European allies to counter China's influence.

by Meredith Schwartz and Gracelin Baskaran

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**Why Losing Local Voices in Foreign Aid-Diplomacy Mergers Threatens National Security**

Merging USAID's functions with those of the State Department could weaken U.S. foreign policy, potentially reducing local input in the policymaking process and eroding access, context, and long-term relationships.

by Andrew Friedman and Rachel George

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In snatching Maduro, Trump pulled the linchpin holding China's global strategy together.

J. Michael Waller

Jan 6, 2026

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by Robert Satloff

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**Unstable Coins: Stablecoin Regulation, Market Structure Legislation, and U.S. Security Risks**

If policymakers do not urgently refine and implement cryptocurrency regulation, existing stablecoin and market-structure frameworks risk embedding systemic financial and national security vulnerabilities.

by Taylar Rajic and Peter Dohr

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**Fiscal Update of the United States: Resilience, Revenue Gains, and the Road to a Deal**

The economy emerged from the shutdown with stronger underlying growth than anticipated, and tariff-driven revenues have been a boon for the federal balance sheet. Although the government is

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by Benjamin Osborne

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Kari Heerman and Asha Patt

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Janet L. Yellen

January 6, 2026

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By Adam N. Michel

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By Scott Lincicome and Alfredo Carrillo Obregon

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### **A Partial Look Ahead**

This week, Bill Reinsch **looks ahead at three high-profile trade events** that will anchor global trade in 2026.

by William Alan Reinsch

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Critical Questions

### **Is a Weakened CS3D Still Too Much?**

Bill Reinsch and Michael Gary unpack the critical questions around the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D).

by William Alan Reinsch and Michael H. Gary

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Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

December 19, 2025

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Wendy Edelberg, Stan Veuger, and Tara Watson

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Kat Miller

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The Senate's filibuster rule is not just a check. It is a potent tool for engagement across political divides.

BY Laura Dove  
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The USDA's latest Household Food Security in the United States report shows that food insecurity rose for a third consecutive year, with 13.7 percent of households food insecure in 2024. The USDA plans to terminate the report after 30 years of consistent, national assessments.  
by Caitlin Welsh  
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Paul Sracic  
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S. Yash Kalash

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