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by Heather Williams

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Darya Dolzikova

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By Benjamin Giltner

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Why U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation Is Still Falling Short for Washington

CSIS Americas experts evaluate the state of U.S.-Mexico security cooperation and chart the areas where it continues to fall short.

by Diego Marroquín Bitar, Martha Bárcena Coqui, Cecilia Farfán-Méndez, Eduardo Guerrero-Gutiérrez, Ben Rohrbaugh, and Earl Anthony Wayne

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The 2026 National Defense Strategy by the Numbers: Radical Changes, Moderate Changes, and Some Continuities

The 2026 National Defense Strategy denounces earlier strategies, focuses on this hemisphere, and pressures allies to provide their own defense, while citing President Trump 47 times. CSIS's 19 charts and tables show the strategy's changes, continuities, and omissions.

by Mark F. Cancian and Chris H. Park
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Russia's Grinding War in Ukraine

Massive Losses and Tiny Gains for a Declining Power

Despite claims of success in Ukraine, new CSIS data shows that Russia is paying an extraordinary price for minimal gains, with over 1.2 million casualties. Russia is also in decline as a major economic power with slow growth, weak productivity, and declining manufacturing.

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U.S. seizures of illicit shipping and sinking of narco-boats should be viewed as part of a larger maritime strategy between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

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The Trump administration released its long-awaited National Defense Strategy on January 23. Here is how to interpret what the strategy says about China.

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Five GMF experts offer their analyses of the document that sets out strategic guidance for protecting the US homeland.

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Countering Russian escalation in space

Current US space policy and acquisitions are inadequate to address the growing threats from Russia in space. The United States needs a more resilient space architecture, able to withstand major-power conflict—and Russia's designs to place a nuclear weapon in orbit. Here are fifteen recommendations to make that happen.

By John Klein, Clementine G. Starling-Daniels

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Is Trump reshaping the world order?

Brookings experts weigh in

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Congress Must Reestablish Its Role in Foreign Policy To Rein In 'Militarist in Chief' Donald Trump

From Venezuela to Greenland to Iran, President Trump has carried out a militarized, imperial foreign policy that has sidelined cost-effective diplomatic tools and relied almost solely on force or coercion.

Andrew Miller

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Tracking 86 ways the Trump administration weakens America's security, economy, and global influence.

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Congress has championed the Abraham Accords. Here's how it can push them forward.

This issue brief offers recommendations for Congress to reassert its leadership role in supporting the Abraham Accords.

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Bequeathing a better country to future generations.

Zachary Yost

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Rachel Tausendfreund

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Trump's trade war wrecked little havoc on trade patterns last year

Gary Clyde Hufbauer (PIIE) and Ye Zhang (PIIE)

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British Academy and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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The Mar-a-Lago Accord's Economic Ripple Effect Widens

Several economic proposals from Trump ally Stephen Miran's so-called Mar-a-Lago Accord took shape in 2025—at a significant cost. Three more of his risky proposals are now gaining traction.

By Rebecca Patterson

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Not your grandfather's factory: Why tariffs won't help Midwest manufacturing

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After President Trump's Liberation Day tariffs announcement, US firms redirected their imports to countries that faced less tariff uncertainty, resulting in higher import prices and no significant change to total imports.

By Haishi Li, Yulin Wang, and Ziho Park

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The United States will officially end its relationship with the World Health Organization on January 22, 2026. But this break potentially opens the way for the next phase of reform. A smart transition back into U.S. membership is a path that will advance U.S. interests.

by J. Stephen Morrison and Paul Friedrichs

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Winning the tech race is not about any single breakthrough. Leadership requires competing across the full menu of technologies, developing the dexterity to build at speed and scale, and defending our domestic markets from nonmarket competition.

by Navin Girishankar, Mark P. Dallas, Sree Ramaswamy, Scott Kennedy, Philip Luck, Joseph Majkut, Ilaria Mazzocco, Erin L. Murphy, Matt Pearl, Richard M. Rossow, Sujai Shivakumar, Chris Borges, Ray Cai, and Ryan Featherston

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Peter Orszag (Lazard) and Adam S. Posen (PIIE)

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Can the rule of law be restored to the world trading system?

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What to watch as China prepares its digital yuan for prime time

The changes China is implementing around the e-CNY signal a more mature phase for the digital yuan—and an overall shift toward a much broader geopolitical ambition.

By Alisha Chhangani

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New Executive Order Ties U.S. Critical Minerals Security to Global Partnerships

A new executive order makes international cooperation central to U.S. critical minerals security, targeting processed minerals where China dominates. It pairs allied supply agreements with trade tools—and potential price supports—to reduce vulnerabilities.

by Gracelin Baskaran

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Digital sovereignty: Europe's declaration of independence?

In Brussels, "digital sovereignty" may be the new "strategic autonomy": a push for Europe to go its own way and depend less on the United States. As US tech companies and EU regulators clash, catch up on a policy debate with consequences playing out online and in the halls of power.

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