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USA Defense

Book

War at Arm's Length

How America Can Build Effective Partners Through Military Assistance

Richard Bennet and Alexander Noyes

Release Date: May 26, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/books/war-at-arms-length/>

Blog Post

The Illusion of Limited War: Trump's Misguided Approach to Iran

By Brandan P. Buck

February 20, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/illusion-limited-war-trumps-misguided-approach-iran>

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New Concepts for a New Era of -European Security

Dr. Stefan Meister, Dr. Mario Baumann, Ricarda Nierhaus

Feb 20, 2026

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Maritime Action Plan Highlights Washington's Misplaced Shipbuilding Obsession

By Colin Grabow

February 19, 2026

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Commentary

Our Defense Industrial Base—We Get What We Pay For

By: Frank Kendall

February 19, 2026

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/commentary/our-defense-industrial-base-we-get-what-we-pay-for>

Research Article

Europe's Next War: The Rising Risk of NATO-Russia Conflict

As Russia's war grinds on, NATO unity and European security hang in the balance. A cease-fire may bring renewed confrontation, making it vital to redefine ties with Moscow to avert another major conflict.

Samuel Charap, Hiski Haukkala

Feb 19, 2026

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Reconceptualizing European -Security in a New Reality

Dr. Stefan Meister, Dr. Mario Baumann

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Russia in the High North

Russian Strategy and Escalation Risks in the High North After the Russia-Ukraine War

Michelle Grisé, Yuliya Shokh, Stephanie Pezard, Alexandra T. Evans, Joe Haberman, Miriam Pasternak Joergensen, Mark Cozad

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The Trump Doctrine and Global Security

Remarks as prepared by Fred Fleitz to the German-American Institute Heidelberg (Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut, (DAI) in Heidelberg, Germany, on February 4, 2026.

The Honorable Fred Fleitz

February 14, 2026

<https://www.americafirstpolicy.com/issues/the-trump-doctrine-and-global-security>

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Measuring What Matters

Introducing the National Security & Resilience Index (NSRI)

Dr. Patrick Keller, Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff

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Issue Brief

As War with China Looms, It Is Time to Restart Large-Scale Military Exercises

Robert Peters

February 13, 2026

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Expert comment

What should a more European NATO look like? The US and Europe disagree

Europe's push to reduce its reliance on the US is likely to be permanent. US policymakers should wake up to this new reality.

Katja Bego

13 February 2026

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Putin's next move? Five Russian attack scenarios Europe must prepare for

Whether emboldened by victory in Ukraine or motivated by a loss to pursue success elsewhere, Russian president Vladimir Putin is likely to continue his campaign of aggression. The Nordic and Baltic region, already subject to a campaign of intimidation, is in the Kremlin's crosshairs—with these five places at greatest risk.

By Richard D. Hooker, Jr.

Feb 12, 2026

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CNAS Insights | America Isn't Ready for a Drone War

By: Stacie Pettyjohn and Molly Campbell

February 12, 2026

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Northern Connections: The European Arctic by 2035

As the rules-based order unravels in the European Arctic, experts examine three critical dimensions shaping the region by 2035: Europe's strategic vision, Greenland's future, and the role of military exercises in maintaining stability.

by Max Bergmann, Otto Svendsen, Andreas Raspotnik, Robert Habeck, Elizabeth Buchanan, and Gabriella Gricius

February 10, 2026

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DGAP Memo

To Ensure Its Security, Europe Needs a Stronger Hand in NATO

Dr. Emil Archambault, Max Becker, Dr. Patrick Keller

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Eric Rosenbach, Carlo Giannone, Slavina Ancheva, Luc Hillion

Feb. 5, 2026

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Politically Motivated Killers: 51 Years of Terrorist Murders on US Soil, 1975–2025

Politically motivated terrorism is a small threat regardless of the ideological motivations of the attackers.

By Alex Nowrasteh

February 19, 2026

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Regime Choke Before Regime Change: A New Iran Strategy

Jacob Olidort, Ph.D.

February 21, 2026

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Deterrence and Escalation Dynamics with Iran: Insights from Four Decades of Conflict and a Twelve-Day War

by Michael Eisenstadt

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How Trump's Unilateral Foreign Policy Has Eroded American Power

In his State of the Union address, President Trump will attempt to project strength. But while his administration's unilateral foreign policy—from military strikes on Iran to reckless tariffs—expands the bounds of executive power, it has only weakened the United States on the world stage.

Allison McManus, Dawn Le

Feb 19, 2026

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Research Article

America's narrative on Taiwan needs an update

Ryan Hass

February 18, 2026

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Commentary

Redrawing global boundaries? The United States, China, and the viability of spheres of influence in the 21st century

William A. Galston, Ryan Hass, Patricia M. Kim, Melanie W. Sisson, Constanze Stelzenmüller, Thomas Wright, and Miles Yu

February 18, 2026

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Expert Take

Will U.S. Allies Succeed in Hedging Against the United States?

Diversifying away from the United States is easier said than done, but the potential long-term costs to U.S. security and prosperity are significant.

James M. Lindsay

February 18, 2026

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Expert comment

The risks of Trump's peace plan: Two Gazas and an annexed West Bank

Trump's plan could doom aspirations for a unified Palestinian state. European and Arab states should pressure Washington before it's too late.

Neil Quilliam

18 February 2026

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CNAS Insights | Why the United States Needs Economic Coercion Doctrine

By: LtCol Mary Hossier

February 10, 2026

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How to Strengthen Transatlantic Relations

Paul McCarthy

Feb 10, 2026

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Issue Brief

Mining without rules: The risky US bet on the deep sea

Amid efforts to acquire coveted critical minerals, in April 2025 the United States permitted deep-sea mining within international waters. Elisabeth Braw explores the implications of the Trump Administration's move for global maritime norms.

By Elisabeth Braw

Feb 9, 2026

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DGAP Memo

America's Estranged -Relationship with the United Nations: -Europe's Search for a Response

In its 81st year, the UN faces a deepened funding and legitimacy crisis after the US withdrew from key bodies, weakening central mandates. Germany and other middle powers can step up by closing funding gaps and strengthening multilateral action.

Tim Bosch, Mechthild Becker

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One battle after another: Factional struggles and the making of Trump's foreign policy

Majda Ruge

6 February 2026

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Why spheres of influence are useless

Carlo Bastasin

February 4, 2026

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Trump Is Abandoning the United States' Indo-Pacific Partners

A U.S. strategic turn inward is alienating the Indo-Pacific, straining ties with Japan, India, and others, and leaving Asian allies questioning Washington's reliability.

Joshua Kurlantzick

February 4, 2026

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Trump's 'Board of Peace' and the multilateral order

Bruce Jones

February 3, 2026

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Council Special Report

Leapfrogging China's Critical Minerals Dominance

How Innovation Can Secure U.S. Supply Chains

Heidi Crebo-Rediker and Mahnaz Khan

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What the SCOTUS Tariff Decision Means for Fiscal Policy in Four Charts

By Adam N. Michel and Santiago Forster

February 20, 2026

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Is US trade policy on a new path?

Kari Heerman

February 19, 2026

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Expert comment

Trump wants US energy dominance. Global markets may not agree

At first glance, the Trump administration's energy dominance policy appears to have been a success. But shifting energy market dynamics has proven difficult.

Heather Hurlburt

19 February 2026

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Four reasons Trump's economic agenda hasn't tanked the economy

Ben Harris

February 18, 2026

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RealTime Economics

Prying open Pandora's box by scrapping MFN

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

February 17, 2026

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Can smaller economies really create a new world trade order? Yes, they can.

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

February 12, 2026

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Tariffs as Fiscal Policy

Broad tariffs will reduce production and increase prices, with an ambiguous effect on the trade deficit.

By Kimberly A. Clausing and Maurice Obstfeld

February 11, 2026

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Neoclassical Growth in an Interdependent World

By: Benny Kleinman, Ernest Liu, Stephen J. Redding, Motohiro Yogo

February 10, 2026

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Why Europe Secured the Better Trade Deal with India

By Colin Grabow

February 9, 2026

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Trump Tariffs: Tracking the Economic Impact of the Trump Trade War

By: Erica York, Alex Durante

February 6, 2026

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Econographics

What the data shows—and doesn't show—about the future of the dollar

Is there genuine demand to “sell America,” or does the recent dollar weakness fall within historical fluctuations? More data will be needed to answer that question.

By Hung Tran

Feb 4, 2026

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Understanding the vibe shift on the dollar

Gold prices surged to record highs last week, driven by trade tensions, tariffs, and dollar uncertainty. For some, the rally signals rising skepticism about the greenback's stability—even as policymakers insist the US remains committed to a strong dollar.

By Daniel McDowell, Bart Piasecki, Jessie Yin

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Why is US economy growing despite policymakers pursuing agenda contrary to conventional wisdom of economists?

Ben Harris

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Why the Dollar Is Likely to Continue to Dominate International Trade and Finance

Jesus Fernando-Villaverde

February 02, 2026

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Prospects for global imbalances in 2026 and beyond: Another China shock?

Tamim Bayoumi (King's College) and Joseph E. Gagnon (PIIE)

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Does President Trump have the authority to 'nationalize' voting?

William A. Galston

February 11, 2026

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The Folkways of Congress

Legislative Norms in an Era of Conflict

Brian Alexander

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Can ICE cost Republicans the Senate?

Elaine Kamarck

February 4, 2026

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Immigrants' Recent Effects on Government Budgets: 1994–2023

By David J. Bier, Michael Howard, and Julián Salazar

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Trump, Greenland and the Arctic: Is Canada Next on the Menu?

by Vincent Rigby and Lawrence Herman

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The Diplomats Guide to Canada 2026

by Colin Robertson and Maureen Boyd

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Article

Two Doctrines and One Way Ahead

Carney's emerging foreign-policy doctrine emphasizes flexible coalitions among middle powers.

But a closer look at Chrystia Freeland's earlier vision raises a sharper question: are shared interests enough without shared democratic values?

By: Jack Cunningham / 29 January, 2026

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