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USA

Defense

Report | via BICC

Gut gerüstet?

Bedrohungsszenarien, militärische Fähigkeiten und Strategien gegenüber Russland

Max Mutschler

2026-03

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https://www.greenpeace.de/publikationen/Studie_Gut_Geruestet.pdf

Iran

The Iran Conflict Is Becoming a Russia-Ukraine Proxy War

Both Russia and Ukraine are trying to use the U.S.-Israeli war against Iran to their own advantage. With Russia profiting from the war while backing Iran, and Ukraine arming the Gulf states, the Middle East has become a new front in the war between Kyiv and Moscow.

Max Boot

March 30, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/the-iran-conflict-is-becoming-a-russia-ukraine-proxy-war>

Report | Hudson Institute

Examining US Military Options for Kharg Island and the Strait of Hormuz

Can Kasapoğlu

Mar 30, 2026

<https://www.hudson.org/defense-strategy/cutting-gordian-knot-us-military-options-kharg-island-strait-hormuz-can-kasapoglu>

Research Papers

Advancing European Military Capacity in Space

European countries are investing at least USD109 billion in space capabilities by 2030. At a minimum, sharing the defence burden in space with the United States requires an additional USD10bn, and full autonomy another USD25bn.

Erin Pobjie, Alexander K. Bollfrass, Ester Sabatino, Annemiek Dols

30th March 2026

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<https://www.iiss.org/globalassets/media-library---content--migration/images-delta/publications/research-papers/2026-new/space-report/advancing-european-military-capacity-in-space.pdf>

Blog Post

Additional Concerns Regarding President Trump's "Golden Dome"

By Benjamin Giltner

March 27, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/more-concerns-president-trumps-golden-dome>

Report

Toplines: Deterring Putin's aggression against NATO

Five key places in the Nordic and Baltic region are in the Kremlin's crosshairs. How should NATO prepare?

By Richard D. Hooker, Jr.

Mar 25, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/toplines-deterring-putins-aggression-against-nato/>

Special Report Defense

To Build the Golden Fleet

Building the Golden Fleet will be a generational endeavor beyond the demands placed on the Navy to build the Reagan-era 600-ship Navy. However, there is urgency for getting firepower to sea in the Western Pacific that necessitates a "bridge" fleet based largely on rapidly deliverable unmanned platforms employing existing weapon systems. These bridging naval forces will be joined in time by more warships that are already under construction and of stable design like the Arleigh Burke-class destroyers and Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carriers and by the mid-2030s will be further augmented by next-generation warships like battlecruisers. The rapidly growing Chinese threat makes both the construction of such a fleet and its timely delivery matters of the greatest urgency.

Brent Sadler

March 25, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-03/SR328.pdf>

Issue Brief

President Trump's Potential \$1.5 Trillion Defense Budget

Wilson Beaver

March 24, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-03/IB5405.pdf>

Report

Independent Study in Support of a National Maritime Strategy: Summary Report

This congressionally mandated study for the Maritime Administration (MARAD) in the Department of Transportation (DOT) is meant to inform development of a national maritime strategy—its ends, ways, means, strategic problems, and priorities. This study focuses on the national security aspects of shipping, merchant mariners, and commercial shipbuilding. The study team consulted with other U.S. Government stakeholders, including key elements of the Coast Guard and Department of War (DOW), via repeated engagements and wargames.

Jerry Meyerle, Matt Grund, Eileen Chollet et.al

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<https://www.cna.org/reports/2026/03/Independent-Study-in-Support-of-a-National-Maritime-Strategy-Summary-Report.pdf>

CSIS Brief

Europe Needs an ASAP Program for Air Defense

The U.S.-Iran war has exposed the fragility of Western air defense stockpiles. Europe must launch a crash program to scale up its own missile manufacturing before supply shortages leave Ukraine and the continent exposed.

Jonathan Burchell, Max Bergmann, und Otto Svendsen,

March 23, 2026

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Commentary

The limits of nuclear arithmetic in a tripolar age

Amy J. Nelson and Michael E. O'Hanlon

March 20, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-limits-of-nuclear-arithmetic-in-a-tripolar-age/>

Blog Post

A Strategic Failure in Iran

By Jon Hoffman

March 20, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/strategic-failure-iran>

Commentary

Iran: Relearning the Importance of Waging a War, Not Just Fighting One

Lieutenant General James Michael Dubik (U.S. Army, ret) examines the divergence between the United States' warfighting capabilities and war-waging requirements, highlighting three skills critical to waging war.

James Michael Dubik

March 19, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/iran-relearning-importance-waging-war-not-just-fighting-one>

Report | CSBA

Diamond in the Rough: The Past, Present, and Future of NATO's ISR Force

NATO is not as prepared as it could be to deter and defeat Russian aggression. Inadequate military surveillance is one major reason why. The Ukraine War has exposed gaps in the alliance's ISR enterprise.

Travis Sharp, Ryan Kaufman

March 18, 2026

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Report | CNAS

U.S.-Japan-Philippines Trilateral Cooperation

The Bedrock of a New U.S. Indo-Pacific Deterrence Strategy

By: Lisa Curtis and Ryan Claffey

March 17, 2026

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[https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/files.cnas.org/documents/Trilateral IPS Mar2026 Final.pdf](https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/files.cnas.org/documents/Trilateral_IPS_Mar2026_Final.pdf)

Reports | Hudson Institute

Toward a Theory of Victory for the War in Iran

Can Kasapoğlu

Mar 16, 2026

<https://www.hudson.org/national-security-defense/toward-theory-victory-war-iran-can-kasapoglu>

National Security

Expert Insights

Open Models, Soft Power, and the Spectrum of U.S.-China Artificial Intelligence Competition

The authors analyze the United States' and China's respective artificial intelligence (AI) action plans, how AI companies in both countries approach open-source AI models, and the implications for U.S. soft power.

Owen J. Daniels, Hanna Dohmen

Mar 26, 2026

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Working paper

Off Target

A Working Paper on AI Alignment Challenges for National Security

By: Caleb Withers, Jay Kim and Ethan Chiu

March 24, 2026

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/reports/off-target>

Commentary

Brief, Bold and Beautiful? Reactions on the US National Cyber Strategy

Dr Louise Marie Hurel, Dr Pia Hüscher, James A. Lewis, Erica D Lonergan, Dr Gareth Mott and Conrad Prince CB

16 March 2026

<https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/brief-bold-and-beautiful-reactions-us-national-cyber-strategy>

Foreign Policy

Report | CNAS

Repairing the Breach

Getting U.S.-India Ties Back on Track

By: Lisa Curtis, Keerthi Martyn and Sitara Gupta

March 26, 2026

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Articles & Op-Eds

The Middle East After the Iran War: Lessons and Outcomes

However the conflict ends, it has already delivered pivotal lessons on U.S. military innovation and political strategy, the continued dominance of hydrocarbons, the future posture of regional and external powers, and more.

by James Jeffrey

Mar 2026

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/middle-east-after-iran-war-lessons-and-outcomes>

Issue Brief

Negotiating an EU-US biometric information-sharing agreement

Amid tensions between the US and Europe over trade, tech, and now the war in Iran, Washington and Brussels are negotiating over the US Department of Homeland Security's request for access to European biometric data. What does each side want—and what is achievable?

By Kenneth Propp

Mar 25, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/negotiating-an-eu-us-biometric-information-sharing-agreement/>

Research Article

Equality as a guiding principle for US policy on Israel-Palestine

Hady Amr and Kevin Huggard

March 25, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/equality-as-a-guiding-principle-for-us-policy-on-israel-palestine/>

Issue Brief Europe

The April 2026 Three Seas Initiative Summit: A Strategic Opportunity for America's Commercial Diplomacy

Jordan Embree and Anthony Kim

March 25, 2026

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PRIF Blog

Instrumentalization, not Termination – What Trump's Board of Peace actually Tells us about the Decline of Multilateralism

Serena Bernstein, Ilai Yaron Levy

23. März 2026

<https://blog.prif.org/2026/03/23/instrumentalization-not-termination/>

Quincy Policy Note

A Smarter Way to Fight Mexico's Cartels

Lee Schlenker

March 23, 2026

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Report

Cross-Strait crossroads: Pathways for America's Taiwan policy

Ryan Hass, Jude Blanchette, Kharis Templeman, Jennifer Kavanagh, Bonnie S. Glaser, David Sacks, and Matthew Turpin

March 20, 2026

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Blog Post

Europe Increases Its Assault on Free Expression, and American Policymakers Follow Along

By David Inserra

March 19, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/europe-increases-assault-free-expression-american-policymakers-follow-along>

Policy Analysis

Great Power Competition During (and After) the Iran War

by Anna Borshchevskaya, Souhira Medini, Henry Tugendhat, Grant Rumley

Mar 19, 2026

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/great-power-competition-during-and-after-iran-war>

Commentary

Letter from Washington: Why James Talarico may be the future of Democratic foreign policy

James Talarico roots his foreign policy in a moral framework that could have wide appeal for Democrats—if they follow his lead

Chris Herrmann, Jeremy Shapiro

17 March 2026

<https://ecfr.eu/article/letter-from-washington-why-james-talarico-may-be-the-future-of-democratic-foreign-policy/>

Commentary

Indo-Pacific perspectives on the prospect of a US-China G2

Ryan Hass, Patricia M. Kim, Mireya Solís, John Lee, Klaus Heinrich Raditio, Rumi Aoyama, Ngeow Chow Bing, Enrico V. Gloria, Jae Ho Chung, Selina Ho, Yu-Jie Chen, and Huong Le Thu
March 13, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/indo-pacific-perspectives-on-the-prospect-of-a-us-china-g2/>

Article

Key Takeaways from the 2026 Shield of the Americas Summit

The 2026 Shield of the Americas Summit signaled a strategic shift by prioritizing regional security and economic partnerships in the Western Hemisphere, though it left specific strategies for countering Chinese influence largely unaddressed.

March 13, 2026

Carrie Filipetti

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/key-takeaways-2026-shield-americas-summit>

Book | Quincy

Rethinking China

Challenging Our Economic Assumptions & Opportunities for Lasting Prosperity

In Rethinking China, Zhengyu “Z” Huang delivers a timely and incisive critique of the prevailing US narrative on China—challenging long-held assumptions with data, expert interviews, and firsthand insight. Blending history, economics, diplomacy, and lived experience, Huang dismantles assumptions surrounding trade, intellectual property, human rights, and national security, while cutting through fear and laying bare the dangerous consequences of dehumanizing rhetoric and strategic miscalculation. From the legacy of Vietnam to the risks of war over Taiwan, he calls for evidence-based policymaking and a more honest, results-driven approach to coexistence and competition with China. This book is an essential guide for policymakers, media, and citizens alike seeking clarity in one of the most consequential relationships of our time.

Author: Zhengyu Huang

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<https://quincyinst.org/book/rethinking-china/>

Economics, Trade and Finance

Policy Briefs

Anchoring Ukraine’s postwar recovery with a US-Ukraine free trade agreement

Robert Z. Lawrence (PIIE) and Sergii Telenyk (New York University School of Law)

March 2026

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<https://www.piie.com/sites/default/files/2026-03/pb26-6.pdf>

Working Papers

Negotiating a win-win end to the lose-lose US-China trade war over technology and critical minerals

Chad P. Bown (PIIE)

March 2026
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<https://www.piie.com/sites/default/files/2026-03/wp26-5.pdf>

Working Papers

Who controls the global petrochemical industry, and how might that change?

Abdullah AlHassan (International Monetary Fund), Luc Leruth (University of Clermont Ferrand), Adnan Mazarei (PIIE), Charles Meuwly (ZENO-Indices), Joseph Moussa (International Monetary Fund) and Pierre Régibeau (Warsaw School of Economics)

March 2026
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RealTime Economics

Was the WTO Ministerial Meeting at Yaoundé a complete failure?

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

March 31, 2026

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2026/was-wto-ministerial-meeting-yaounde-complete-failure>

RealTime Economics

Are regional pacts the future of world trade?

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

March 31, 2026

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2026/are-regional-pacts-future-world-trade>

Article

Beyond "US Innovates, Europe Regulates"

Lessons and recommendations from a Transatlantic AI Exchange

Julia Tréhu, Adrienne Goldstein

March 30, 2026

<https://www.gmfus.org/news/beyond-us-innovates-europe-regulates>

RealTime Economics

How Russia and China are winning the war in Iran

Elina Ribakova (PIIE) and Alicia García-Herrero (Bruegel; Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

March 30, 2026

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2026/how-russia-and-china-are-winning-war-iran>

Report | CSIS

A Federal Statistical System for the Age of Economic Security

Statistics are not a technical afterthought—they are the bedrock of economic security. This report examines how federal data shape U.S. competitiveness, where gaps remain, and what it will take to build a statistical system fit for modern geopolitical competition.

by Chris Borges, Navin Girishankar, and Andrew Reamer

March 27, 2026

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Commentary

USMCA Review 2026: Six Scenarios for North America's Future

Diego Marroquín Bitar und William Alan Reinsch

March 27, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/usmca-review-2026-six-scenarios-north-americas-future>

AEIdeas

Trillions in Foreign Investment? No Boom Yet

Derek Scissors

26, 2026

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/trillions-in-foreign-investment-no-boom-yet/>

Article

In the First Year, President Trump's Tariffs Have Cost Small-Business Importers \$306,000 on Average

New state-by-state analysis finds that the Trump administration's trade policies are a hefty tax on small businesses, the backbone of America's workforce.

Michael Negron, Mimla Wardak, Kennedy Andara

Mar 26, 2026

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/in-the-first-year-president-trumps-tariffs-have-cost-small-business-importers-306000-on-average/>

Research Paper

BPEA | Spring 2026

Tariffs in 2025: Short-run impacts on the US economy

Pablo Fajgelbaum and Amit Khandelwal

March 25, 2026

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Research

BPEA | Spring 2026

The payment system puts a floor on the Fed's balance sheet

Darrell Duffie

March 25, 2026

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Commentary

A new opening for WTO reform

Dan Esty and Mari Pangestu

March 25, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/a-new-opening-for-wto-reform/>

First Principles

A Prophetic Warning: Orestes Augustus Brownson on the Rise of Socialism

Robert Moffit, PhD

March 25, 2026

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https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-03/FP120_0.pdf

Research Brief

Trade War and the Dollar Anchor

If average tariffs and retaliations exceed roughly 26 percent for an extended period, the euro could replace the US dollar as the world's primary anchor currency.

By Alexander Hassan, Jingye Wang, and Tony Zhang

March 25, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/research-briefs-economic-policy/trade-war-dollar-anchor#>

Report | CSIS

MC14: The "Turning Point Ministerial" to Strengthen the WTO and Advance U.S. Interests

Ahead of the WTO Ministerial Conference, Angela Ellard and Bill Reinsch provide an overview of the organization's challenges and opportunities for reform.

Angela Paolini Ellard und William Alan Reinsch

March 24, 2026

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Research Paper

One Big Beautiful Bill? A preliminary assessment

William G. Gale, Benjamin R. Page, Elena Patel, and Joseph Rosenberg

March 23, 2026

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Expert Take

Time for the IMF to Stop Blaming the Victim

The IMF standard analysis of imbalances puts too much blame on Europe and way too little on China.

Brad W. Setser

March 23, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/time-for-the-imf-to-stop-blaming-the-victim>

Research Report

Biden's fiscal legacy

A Comprehensive Overview Of Spending, Taxes, And Deficits

Jessica Riedl

March 20, 2026

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Paper

Supreme Court vs. Trump: Das Zollurteil und seine Folgen

Im Februar verkündete der Supreme Court der USA das langerwartete Urteil zur Zollpolitik von Präsident Trump. Im Verfahren „Learning Resources, Inc v. Donald J. Trump“ entschied das Gericht, dass die umfassenden Zölle, die Präsident Trump unter Berufung auf den International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) verhängt hatte, seine Befugnisse übersteigen.

von Andreas Hellmann

18. März 2026

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Report

THE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY 2026

Annual Survey of Jobs, Trade and Investment between the United States and Europe

Daniel S. Hamilton and Joseph P. Quinlan

March 17, 2026

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Article

One Year After ‘Liberation Day,’ American Workers Are Feeling the Negative Effects of the Trump Administration’s Tariffs

The Trump administration’s tariff agenda has resulted in blue-collar job losses in nearly every state while failing to boost manufacturing or close the trade deficit in goods.

Ryan Mulholland, Kennedy Andara

Mar 17, 2026

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/one-year-after-liberation-day-american-workers-are-feeling-the-negative-effects-of-the-trump-administrations-tariffs/>

Expert Take

Tracking Trump’s Trade Deals

The president has set out to rewrite the rules of trade, one deal at a time.

Inu Manak, Allison J. Smith

March 17, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/tracking-trumps-trade-deals>

Commentary

After IEEPA: New Section 301 investigations and why public input matters

Kari Heerman and Elena Patel

March 16, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/after-ieepa-new-section-301-investigations-and-why-public-input-matters/>

RealTime Economics

The Trump-China trade wars: Five takeaways from US imports in 2025

Chad P. Bown (PIIE)

March 16, 2026

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2026/trump-china-trade-wars-five-takeaways-us-imports-2025>

Domestic Politics

CRS Report

Availability of Federal Data: Policy Considerations for Disclosure, Preservation, and Governance

Knoedl, Taylor R.; Stuessy, Meghan M.

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https://www.congress.gov/crs_external_products/R/PDF/R48889/R48889.1.pdf

Research Article

The impact of immigrants on the US economy

Tara Watson

March 30, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-impact-of-immigrants-on-the-us-economy/>

Blog Post

SAVE America Act: We'll Have to Pass the Bill to Find Out What's in It

By Walter Olson

March 26, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/save-america-act-well-have-pass-bill-find-out-whats-it>

Blog Post

The \$88 Trillion Unfunded Entitlement Obligation Washington Keeps Ignoring

By Romina Boccia

March 26, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/88-trillion-unfunded-entitlement-obligation-washington-keeps-ignoring-0>

Commentary

Why affordability will be a key issue in the 2026 midterm elections

William A. Galston

March 25, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-affordability-will-be-a-key-issue-in-the-2026-midterm-elections/>

The Neocons' Revenge?

a conversation with Osita Nwanevu and Suzanne Schneider

Trump's war has deepened the already-widening cracks in the MAGA coalition.

March 25, 2026

<https://www.nybooks.com/online/2026/03/25/neocons-revenge-trump-maga-coalition/>

Article

By the End of the Week, the Trump Administration's War in Iran Will Likely Have Cost \$25 Billion

Here's What the Same Sum Could Fund in the U.S.

The administration reportedly plans to request another \$200 billion to fund the war in Iran. What could that much money buy instead?

Bobby Kogan

Mar 24, 2026

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/by-the-end-of-the-week-the-trump-administrations-war-in-iran-will-likely-have-cost-25-billion/>

Foresight

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Event Report

4th Montréal Climate Security Summit

On October 8-9, 2025, the 4th Montreal Climate Security Summit brought together more than 280 high-level participants from across government, military, academia, civil society, and industry to exchange views on the growing security challenges posed by climate change and the cross-sectoral solutions needed to address them in a defence context.

Co-organized by the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) Institute and the NATO Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence (CCASCOE), the 2025 edition of the Summit focused on strengthening military adaptation in the face of increasingly complex and non-linear climate risks.

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Threat Assessment

Action-Reaction: The North American Threat Environment, NORAD and Canada's Continental Defence Response

In this Threat Assessment paper, Chris Morrison, Andrea Charron, and James Fergusson make the case that Canada's \$38 billion NORAD modernization investment is as much about preserving a relationship as it is about closing a capability gap. With adversaries fielding hypersonic missiles, attack drones, and space-based systems that have rendered Cold War-era architecture increasingly obsolete, the authors argue that Canada must take its continental defence obligations more seriously in order to remain a credible and valued ally. Drawing on the RCAF's five operational func-

tions – sense, command, act, shield, and sustain – they assess current capability gaps, how modernization projects aim to close them, and what Canada must do to strengthen the relationship in an era defined by great power competition and growing American unilateralism.

Chris Morrison, Andrea Charron, and James Fergusson

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Opinion

The New American Threat: Is Canada Vulnerable?

Survey data suggests Canadians are moving toward security-focused values in uncertain times, and continue to reject the MAGA movement.

By: Michael Adams

20 March, 2026

<https://opencanada.org/the-new-american-threat-is-canada-vulnerable/>

Opinion

Forging an Arctic Security Strategy: Why Canada Needs a Coherent Framework Now

Andrew Erskine & Alexander Landry

March 18, 2026

<https://cdainstitute.ca/forging-an-arctic-security-strategy-why-canada-needs-a-coherent-framework-now/>

POLICY PERSPECTIVE | CGAI

Linking the Arctic and the North Pacific: Canada-ROK Arctic Security Cooperation

by Dr. Julie Kim

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New Zealand's 2025 Defence Capability Plan: Inspiration for Canada?

by Fabrice Blais-Savoie

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