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The Iran war has validated much of what U.S. analysts predicted, and it has exposed how little of that analysis shaped the decisions that led to the U.S. military campaign. Revisiting those assumptions is now essential ahead of any serious reckoning about what comes next.

By Elisa Ewers, By Ariane Tabatabai

April 15, 2026

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Commodore (Ret'd) Steve Prest

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Can Kasapoğlu

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Why so many, on both the left and right, keep getting Trump wrong.

Michael Doran

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Elaine McCusker, Richard Sims

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By Landon Derentz

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The future of the world's most successful military alliance is in doubt.

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The Trump Administration should champion entrepreneurial capitalism as the basis for a new world order.

Carl Schramm

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Viktor Orbán's defeat in Hungary dealt a real blow to MAGA's international project, but it will not stop the Trump administration from using American power to promote far-right allies abroad.

Damian Murphy, Robert Benson

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Robert Benson, Gréta Bedekovics

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By Antonio Calcara

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A new survey of Southeast Asian opinion leaders shows they prefer China to the United States as a partner, while the region's biggest geopolitical concern is U.S. global leadership.

Joshua Kurlantzick

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By Maia Nikoladze and Daniel Fried

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Fiona Hill

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By: Emily Kilcrease

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The United States developed from a fragile union focused on survival to a superpower with global interests. Throughout that journey, the country has grappled with recurring questions about how to protect its interests, articulate its values, and define its role in the world. Trace the path of U.S. foreign policy with the timeline below.

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By Melanie Hart, Caroline Costello, and Samantha Wong

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Lexi Linafelter; Emily Benson

The newly introduced MATCH Act seeks to close gaps in U.S. export restrictions by limiting China's access to advanced chipmaking tools through non-U.S. suppliers—but its reach into European supply chains raises serious questions for the transatlantic relationship.

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A move from trade friction to shared power is necessary.

Penny Naas

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By Bart Piasecki

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By Kyle Handley

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Amid war in the Middle East and an unprecedented energy shock, we sent our experts to the IMF and World Bank headquarters for their insights on the future of the global economy.

By Atlantic Council experts

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Liza Tobin, Addis Goldman

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Gary Clyde Hufbauer (PIIE)

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Fragmentation is reshaping global payment systems, driven by technological change, regulatory divergence, market dynamics, and rising geopolitical tensions. While innovation has long-term benefits, the near-term risks to efficiency, inclusion, and financial stability are mounting, demanding a more implementation-focused G20 agenda.

By Greg Brownstein

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E.J. Dionne, Jr.

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Pierre Pahlavi

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