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USA Defense

Task Force Report

More Europe in defence – three pathways

Steven Blockmans (Rapporteur)

CEPS, RUSI, Clingendael, IEP

Brussels, May 2026

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Commentary

Rebuilding U.S. Missile Inventory: A Multiyear Project

by Mark F. Cancian and Chris H. Park

May 27, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/rebuilding-us-missile-inventory-multiyear-project>

Studies

The Three-Body Problem: Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications

In The Three-Body Problem, Eric Edelman provides an overview of Chinese and Russian nuclear capabilities and the importance of modernizing not just America's nuclear forces but also its system of nuclear command, control, and communication (NC3)

Eric Edelman

May 26, 2026

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Quincy Brief

The Disappearing Aid Check: The Future of US–Israel Defense Support

Steven Simon

May 26, 2026

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Commentary

This Is How the Iran War Ends

Michael Doran

May 25, 2026

<https://www.hudson.org/foreign-policy/how-iran-war-ends-michael-doran>

Dispatches on Atlantic Council

Washington's latest force posture moves have Europeans feeling whiplash

By Daniel Fried and Torrey Taussig

May 22, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/washingtons-latest-force-posture-moves-have-europeans-feeling-whiplash/>

Issue Brief

For homeland missile defense, think Golden Zones, not a Golden Dome

While the second Trump administration correctly diagnoses a more dangerous nuclear environment facing the country, a comprehensive defensive system is the wrong prescription. The risks of prompting adversary proliferation and stretching US resources thin are too high.

By Ankit Panda

May 21, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/homeland-missile-defense-golden-zones-not-golden-dome/>

Issue Brief

Golden Dome is the missile defense the US needs

The United States should pursue a comprehensive missile defense system to protect the homeland from advanced threats posed by China, Russia, and North Korea. Political will from the Trump administration and advances in technology make the idea of the long-discussed "dome" over the United States more feasible now than ever.

By Henry "Trey" Obering

May 21, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/golden-dome-is-the-missile-defense-the-us-needs/>

Podcast | Transcript

Has the US lost the Iran war?

Robert Kagan, Michael E. O'Hanlon, and Melanie W. Sisson

May 21, 2026

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Commentary

Missing Intelligence: The Trump Administration, Iran and the US Intelligence Community

Dan Lomas and Matthew Savill

21 May 2026

<https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/missing-intelligence-trump-administration-iran-and-us-intelligence-community>

Backgrounder Defense

Flexible Response 2.0: Rebuilding NATO's Deterrence Architecture

Robert Peters and Leo Keay

May 20, 2026

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Dispatch from Bucharest: NATO's center of gravity is shifting eastward

By Alex Șerban and Dorian Obreajan

May 19, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/dispatch-from-bucharest-natos-center-of-gravity-is-shifting-eastward/>

Working Paper | AEI Foreign and Defense Policy Working Paper Series

A Wartime Budget Meets a Peacetime Congress

by John G. Ferrari, Elaine McCusker

May 14, 2026

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Commentary

From Innovation Ecosystem to Industrial Base

Crossing Defense Tech's Second Valley of Death

By: Brian Katz

May 14, 2026

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/commentary/from-innovation-ecosystem-to-industrial-base>

Policy Analysis

How to Accomplish U.S. Objectives in Iran

An agreement to open the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for lifting the U.S. blockade could make it easier to ultimately address more complex issues such as Iran's uranium stockpile, missile program, and support for proxies.

by Michael Singh

May 14, 2026

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/how-accomplish-us-objectives-iran>

Issue Brief | American Security

Strait-Forward: A Security Architecture for the Persian Gulf

Benjamin Woolsey, Kenzo Takeda

May 13, 2026

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<https://www.americafirstpolicy.com/assets/uploads/files/Strait-Forward- A Security Architecture for the Persian Gulf.pdf>

Expert Take

What the Iran War Taught China About Fighting the United States

Iran could not defeat the United States militarily, but it never needed to—and China is taking note. By choking the Strait of Hormuz, spiking energy markets, and running down the clock, Tehran offered Beijing a case study in how to impose costs without seeking victory.

Elisa Ewers, Michael Schiffer

May 12, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/what-the-iran-war-taught-china-about-fighting-the-united-states>

CSIS Brief

Is the United States Prepared for a War with China?

Despite recent progress, the U.S. military would face serious challenges fighting a protracted war with China because of a lack of long-range munitions, air defense systems, and unmanned systems, along with vulnerable bases and critical infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific.

Seth G. Jones

May 12, 2026

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Expert Insights

Key Changes in U.S. and Chinese Military Capabilities, 2017–2024

Jacob L. Heim, Cristina L. Garafola

May 12, 2026

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Policy Memo | Hudson Institute

Seven Key Points on US Forces in Europe

Luke Coffey

May 11, 2026

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Books

Defending Taiwan: A Strategy To Prevent War With China

Sober, balanced, rigorously researched, and eminently readable, Defending Taiwan is a definitive guide to preventing World War III.

By: Eyck Freymann

May 8, 2026

<https://www.hoover.org/research/defending-taiwan-strategy-prevent-war-china>

Report | via DGAP

**Der Weg zu europäischer Verteidigungsautonomie:
Ein Leitfaden zur Überwindung kritischer Abhängigkeiten**

Thomas Enders, Jeannette zu Fürstenberg, Moritz Schularick, Nico Lange, René Obermann

07. Mai 2026

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Expert Insights

Optimizing Defense Requirements Cooperation Among the United States and Its Allies

Andrew Dowse, Daniel Marns, Austin Wyatt, Sachini Kadaoluwa, Megan McKernan, Stephen M. Worman, Lucia Retter

May 7, 2026
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National Security

CSIS Brief

The Terrorist Threat to the 2026 World Cup

The 2026 World Cup will be the largest sporting event ever held and a magnet for terrorists of all stripes. A new CSIS brief examines who might attack, what targets are at greatest risk, and the countermeasures being deployed.

by Daniel Byman and Riley McCabe

May 27, 2026
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Report

Global Terrorism Threat Assessment 2026

Terrorism is currently declining as a U.S. national security priority, and resources available for counterterrorism are decreasing accordingly. At the same time, uncertainty regarding the future of global terrorism is increasing, bringing greater risk of surprise.

Alexander Palmer, Daniel Byman, Alexander Margolis, Riley McCabe, Erin Oppel

May 26, 2026
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Dispatches on Atlantic Council

The future of US counterterrorism: An expert assessment of the 2026 White House strategy

By Atlantic Council experts

May 22, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/the-future-of-us-counterterrorism-an-expert-assessment-of-the-2026-white-house-strategy/>

Policy Analysis

A Counterterrorism Strategy Disconnected from the Terrorist Landscape

by Michael Jacobson
May 15, 2026

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/counterterrorism-strategy-disconnected-terrorist-landscape>

Foreign Policy

DGAP Report

Transatlantische Druckpunkte

Wie Europa seine -Verhandlungs-macht gegenüber den USA stärken kann

Tobias Lindner, Valbona Zeneli, Rachel Tausendfreund

27. Mai 2026

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Article

from Foreign Policy Analysis

Offense–Defense Balance and Sanctions Backfire: A Theory of US Sanctions Doctrines

The United States increasingly treats economic sanctions as a tool of first resort, yet existing scholarship has not fully explained why sanctions policy varies sharply across presidential administrations. This article argues that such variation stems from leaders' causal beliefs about two sanctions-specific factors: the offense–defense balance of economic sanctions and the risk of sanctions backfire.

Paul Silva

July 2026

<https://www.belfercenter.org/research-analysis/offense-defense-balance-and-sanctions-backfire-theory-us-sanctions-doctrines>

Collection of Essays | CFR

The Future of American Strategy

May 24, 2026

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Report | CNAS

Invested Allies

How the Private Sector Can Boost U.S.-South Korea Economic Security Cooperation

By: Geoffrey Gertz and Eleanor Hume

May 21, 2026

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Research Article

Who(se) rules? Competing concepts of order in the age of Trump

Contributors: Asli Aydintaşbaş, Ryan Hass, Bruce Jones, Diana Paz García, and Jeffrey Feltman

May 18, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/whose-rules-competing-concepts-of-order-in-the-age-of-trump/>

Transcript | CSIS

What did the Trump-Xi Summit Achieve?

The U.S.-China summit was expected to cover trade, investment, the war with Iran, and Taiwan.

CSIS's leading China experts assessed its outcomes in a special live episode of State of Play.

Edgard D. Kagan, Scott Kennedy, Bonny Lin, Will Todman

May 15, 2026 15 S.

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Dispatches on Atlantic Council

Don't fall for the middle-power mirage

By Imran Bayoumi

May 15, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/dont-fall-for-the-middle-power-mirage/>

CSIS Brief

A U.S. Campaign to Exploit Beijing's Weaknesses

The Chinese Communist Party has systemic weaknesses. U.S. operations should capitalize on them.

Nicholas Harrington

May 13, 2026

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Economics, Trade and Finance

Policy Briefs

Strengthening Project Vault: The US plan to stockpile critical minerals

Cullen S. Hendrix (PIIE)

May 2026

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<https://www.piie.com/sites/default/files/2026-05/pb26-8.pdf>

Working Papers

Measuring the AI economy

Anton Korinek (PIIE) and Patrick McKelvey (Bank of Canada)

May 2026

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Working Paper | National Bureau of Economic Research

State Dependence of Monetary Policy During Global Supply Chain Disruptions

by Jesús Fernández-Villaverde, Xiwen Bai, Yiliang Li, et al.

May 26, 2026

<https://www.nber.org/papers/w35209>

Commentary

Restoring trust in economic statistics: Why it matters and how we fix it

Michael Horrigan, David S. Johnson, and Maggie Meinhardt

May 26, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/restoring-trust-in-economic-statistics-why-it-matters-and-how-we-fix-it/>

Expert Take

What to Expect From Kevin Warsh's Fed in the First 100 Days

The new head of the U.S. Federal Reserve takes over at a time of heightened inflationary pressures and concern over the Fed's independence. His first one hundred days should give signs on how he will handle the central bank's core role and political pressures.

Roger W. Ferguson Jr., Maximilian Hippold

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<https://www.cfr.org/articles/what-to-expect-from-kevin-warshs-fed-in-the-first-100-days>

Blog Post

A Reform Agenda for New Fed Chair Kevin Warsh

By Jai Kedia and Norbert J. Michel

May 22, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/reform-agenda-new-fed-chair-kevin-warsh>

Article

ExIm Reauthorization Is a Chance To Reimagine the Bank as a Potential Engine of Climate Action, Industrial Development, and Job Creation

As Congress considers reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States, this moment should be leveraged to improve and modernize the bank.

Ryan Mulholland, Courtney Federico

May 21, 2026

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/exim-reauthorization-is-a-chance-to-reimagine-the-bank-as-a-potential-engine-of-climate-action-industrial-development-and-job-creation/>

Research Report | Western Hemisphere Initiative

The 2026 USMCA Review: A Turning Point in U.S.–Mexico Relations

Joshua Treviño, Melissa Ford Maldonado

May 20, 2026

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Commentary

The CFPB: Where to go from here

Jason Brown and David Silberman

May 20, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-cfpb-where-to-go-from-here/>

Issue Brief | Economy & Trade

Liberation Day 2.0: Rebuilding the Tariff Agenda Without IEEPA

Kenzo Takeda

Ethan Antonelli

May 14, 2026

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Commentary

Why haven't tariffs significantly damaged the economy?

Janice C. Eberly, Pablo Fajgelbaum, Kari Heerman, Amit Khandelwal, and Jón Steinsson

May 14, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-havent-tariffs-significantly-damaged-the-economy/>

Briefing Paper

Section 122: The Trump Administration's Illegal Stopgap

The Trump administration's Section 122 tariffs require the existence of a monetary world that ceased to exist more than 50 years ago.

By Clark Packard and Alfredo Carrillo Obregon

May 14, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/briefing-paper/section-122-trump-administrations-illegal-stopgap>

Commentary

'America First' or rules-based global economic governance: A false dichotomy

Zia Qureshi and Janina Curtis Bröker

May 11, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/america-first-or-rules-based-global-economic-governance-a-false-dichotomy/>

Quincy Policy Note

An Opening for a New US–China Economic Relationship

Jake Werner

May 11, 2026

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Domestic Politics

Issue Brief

Declining Marriage, Not Teen Births, Explains America's Falling Fertility: What the Latest Data Show

Rachel Sheffield

May 26, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-05/IB5409.pdf>

Article

Can Anyone Stop JD Vance in 2028?

Vice President JD Vance Visits A Manufacturing Facility In Kansas City

Sometimes politics provides an easy choice.

Anthony J. Constantini

05.26.2026

<https://americanmind.org/salvo/can-anyone-stop-jd-vance-in-2028/>

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So far, Trump's political revenge campaigns have been successful

Elaine Kamarck

May 21, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/so-far-trumps-political-revenge-campaigns-have-been-successful/>

Expert Insights | American Security

Hardening the People's House: The National Security Case for White House Modernization

Greg Glod

May 22, 2026

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Special Report

The Working-Class Marriage Decline: How Higher Expectations and Shifting Norms, Not Wages, Are the Main Cause

Rachel Sheffield

May 19, 2026

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The Return of Hard Power Politics

It's far more than arguing about principles.

Ryan Neuhaus

05.18.2026

<https://americanmind.org/salvo/the-return-of-hard-power-politics/>

Article

Justice Thomas: Courage in Defense of Natural Law Constitutionalism

His speech deserves careful attention—and considerable praise.

John C. Eastman

05.18.2026

<https://americanmind.org/salvo/justice-thomas-courage-in-defense-of-natural-law-constitutionalism/>

Commentary

Trump's new elections executive order and what it would mean for voters

Samara Angel and Jonathan Katz
May 14, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/safeguarding-fair-elections-amid-trumps-executive-orders/>

Commentary

The Iran War Could Be a \$300 Billion Shock — Driving Up Mortgage Rates and Squeezing Wages

The Trump administration and Congress can act now to bring down energy costs and make Americans' lives more affordable

By Dominik Lett

May 14, 2026

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Opinion

A Case for Canada in the JEF

Matthew T. Jablonski

May 26, 2026

<https://cdainstitute.ca/a-case-for-canada-in-the-jef/>

Opinion

Adapt or Adopt? Canada, Sweden, and Whole-of-Society Defence

Joakim Berndtsson

May 20, 2026

<https://cdainstitute.ca/adapt-or-adopt-canada-sweden-and-whole-of-society-defence/>

Opinion

What Built the Canada–U.S. Relationship

Shared resources, not shared values, have long defined Canada–U.S. relations, and still do.

Daniel Macfarlane

14 May, 2026

<https://opencanada.org/what-built-the-canada-u-s-relationship/>