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USA Defense

EU Watch List

Ukraine under Strain: The Choices Facing the EU

As Russia's war in Ukraine drags on, Kyiv faces mounting challenges and European support is increasingly critical. In this excerpt from the EU Watch List 2026 – Autumn Edition, Crisis Group explains how the EU and member states can aid Ukraine and help advance diplomatic efforts.

By the International Crisis Group

15 October 2026

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<https://www.crisisgroup.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/wl26-autumn-ukraine-en.pdf>

Dispatch from Moldova: How to restore NATO's deterrence against Russia's escalating drone attacks

By Ian Brzezinski

15.10.2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/dispatches/dispatch-from-moldova-how-to-restore-natos-deterrence-against-russias-escalating-drone-attacks/>

Issue Brief

Ensuring US military readiness in the face of water, power, and fuel shortages

US overseas military installations depend on host nations for power, fuel, and water. A comprehensive review and investment plan is urgently needed to meet the energy and infrastructure security requirements of modern warfare.

By Michael Dunn, Abraham Holland, Marcus Lee

Oct 14, 2026

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<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/dry-dark-and-empty.pdf>

Issue Brief

Optimizing the NATO 1.5 percent investment commitment for energy security

NATO's 1.5 percent resilience pledge can be leveraged to build a capability-based energy framework, drawing from lessons in Ukraine and globally.

By Chuck Dockery, Joel Spangenberg, Thomas Winter

Oct 14, 2026

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<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/connecting-capital-to-capability.pdf>

Report

Durable Defense: Locking In Pentagon Reform for the Next Generation

BY Mackenzie Eaglen

13 Oct 26

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<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Durable-Defense-Locking-in-Pentagon-Reform-for-the-Next-Generation.pdf?x68288>

Commentary

A divided southern flank faces Trump 2.0 and NATO 3.0

Bruno Cardoso Reis

October 12, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/a-divided-southern-flank-faces-trump-2-0-and-nato-3-0/>

Issue Brief

Enabling NATO's technological transformation

NATO faces persistent challenges in translating technological potential into operational capability. Recent analysis of NATO innovation efforts suggests that the limiting factor is often the ability of organizations and operators to adopt, experiment with, and implement new capabilities effectively.

By David Julazadeh

Oct 9, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/enabling-natos-technological-transformation/>

Report

Munitions Procurement and the Fiscal Year 2027 Defense Budget

Three Conditions for Munitions Acceleration

By: Carlton Haelig

October 07, 2026

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/reports/munitions-procurement-and-the-fiscal-year-2027-defense-budget>

Special Report Defense

Securing and Defending America's Interests in the Pacific: A Strategy to Prevent the Next World War

Robert Peters and Wilson Beaver

October 7, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/SR339.pdf>

Blog Post

The Card Congress Can Still Play on the Iran War

By Katherine Thompson

October 5, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/card-congress-can-still-play-iran-war>

Critical Questions

What Is Space Superiority?

What did CENTCOM mean when it declared space superiority over Iran? Joint and Space Force doctrine give different answers, while leaving unresolved who can make that declaration and what evidence is needed to support it.

by Alexei Hoffman

October 5, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/what-space-superiority>

Commentary

American Hard Power: Asia Gets It, So Why Can't Europe?

No matter who is in the White House, there is no alternative to reliance on US protection.

John Lee

Oct 2, 2026

<https://www.hudson.org/foreign-policy/american-hard-power-asia-gets-it-so-why-cant-europe-john-lee>

National Security

Quincy Policy Note

From Disclosure to Prohibition: The Expanding US Research-Security Regime, 2020–26

In recent years the United States has constructed an increasingly elaborate research-security system designed to protect federally supported science from foreign interference, intellectual property theft, undisclosed conflicts of interest, and inappropriate technology transfer. Much of this effort was necessary and overdue. There are legitimate concerns about whether recipients of US research funding also hold undisclosed foreign appointments, receive foreign financial support, participate in international talent recruitment programs, or maintain professional commitments that could conflict with their obligations to the US government.

Denis Simon

October 8, 2026

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<https://quincyinst-2.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/08091648/QI-POLICY-NOTE-NO-29-SIMON.pdf>

Online Analysis

The collective impact of intelligence reforms by democracies

Democracies are establishing new intelligence services and updating their national security powers. The scale of reform is challenging, but democracies increasing their engagement with intelligence matters could revolutionise international security.

Tom Field

7th October 2026

<https://www.iiss.org/online-analysis/online-analysis/2026/10/the-collective-impact-of-intelligence-reforms-by-democracies/>

Foreign Policy

Issue Brief China

Time Bought, Leverage Preserved: Outcomes of the Trump–Xi Summit in Washington

Andrew Harding

October 16, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/IB5420.pdf>

AEIdeas

America Remained the Un's Largest Funder in 2025 Despite Deep Cuts

by Brett D. Schaefer

October 15, 2026

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/america-remained-the-uns-largest-funder-in-2025-despite-deep-cuts/>

Expert comment

Why the US midterms are a rare foreign policy election

US voters are linking economic concerns to the Trump administration's foreign policy choices. This is bad news for Republicans.

Dr Andrew Payne

15 October 2026

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2026/10/why-us-midterms-are-rare-foreign-policy-election>

RESEARCH REPORT | Western Hemisphere Initiative

Mexico's Regime in the United States

Alejandrina Elms, Melissa Ford

October 15, 2026

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<https://americafirstpolicy.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Mexicos-regime-in-the-united-states.pdf>

Backgrounder Global Politics

Advancing Abraham Accords 2.0: A Congressional Agenda

Asher Fredman

October 14, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/BG3984.pdf>

Research Report

Chokepoints: How to Counter China's State Control of American Agriculture

Adam Savit, Director, China Policy

October 13, 2026

<https://americafirstpolicy.com/issues/chokepoints-how-to-counter-chinas-state-control-of-american-agriculture/>

Speech

Israel and the New American Right

Treating every difference as bigotry will drive away young Americans.

Matthew J. Peterson

Editors' Note: This lightly edited speech was delivered at the 2026 National Conservatism Conference in Jerusalem on October 7, during a panel on the young Right in America and the state of Israeli-American relations.

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<https://americanmind.org/salvo/israel-and-the-new-american-right/>

AEIdeas

Is Quebec About to Separate? Part II

by Colin Dueck

October 13, 2026

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/is-quebec-about-to-separate-part-ii/>

Research Article

Repairing America's signaling on Taiwan

Ryan Hass

October 13, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/repairing-americas-signaling-on-taiwan/>

Report

Russia's Turn to China Under Sanctions: Sanctions Decay, Substitution Elasticity, and the Challenge of Sustaining Pressure

Sanctions lose force not only when governments stop updating them, but also when targeted actors replace restricted products, suppliers, and acquisition channels faster than controls can adapt.

by Damien Spleeters

October 9, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/russias-turn-china-under-sanctions>

Expert Take

The Trump Administration's Shift on Myanmar Is a Disastrous Decision

Washington's sudden decision to open talks with Myanmar's government grants further legitimacy to an authoritarian regime and is unlikely to deliver access to rare earths.

Joshua Kurlantzick

October 8, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/the-trump-administrations-shift-on-myanmar-is-a-disastrous-decision>

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Is Quebec About to Separate?

by Colin Dueck

October 06, 2026

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/is-quebec-about-to-separate/>

Brief Analysis

One Year After the Gaza Ceasefire (Part 1): U.S. Priorities for Year Two

The Trump administration should be prepared to push a suite of concrete actions immediately after Israel's election, from delivering urgently needed interim housing to convening high-level meetings with regional mediators and avoiding steps that signal abandonment of the PA.

Dennis Ross, David Makovsky

Oct 5, 2026

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/one-year-after-gaza-ceasefire-part-1-us-priorities-year-two>

Economics, Trade and Finance

Commentary

Reforming regulation: A proposal to end unsound cost-benefit analysis requirements for tax and transfer rules

Greg Leiserson

October 14, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/reforming-regulation-a-proposal-to-end-unsound-cost-benefit-analysis-requirements-for-tax-and-transfer-rules/>

Research Report

An Unchecked Siege: How Two Firms Hijacked U.S. Public Companies

Current rules and regulations enable two proxy advisory firms to impose their politically motivated agendas on U.S. public companies which results in the companies pursuing political goals like ESG and DEI instead of maximizing returns for shareholders who are primarily working Americans saving for their retirements.

Jeff Schlagenhauf, Director, Economy and Trade Policy

Ethan Antonelli, Analyst, Economy and Trade Policy

October 13, 2026

<https://americafirstpolicy.com/issues/an-unchecked-siege-how-two-firms-hijacked-us-public-companies/>

Econographics

How the trade war with Canada is hitting US states—and could sway midterm elections

Tariffs on both sides of the border have concentrated the financial burden on specific states and industries, bringing the trade war into some of the country's most competitive political races.

By Madeline Chalecki and Delnaz Ghadiali

Oct 13, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/econographics/how-the-trade-war-with-canada-is-hitting-us-states-and-could-sway-midterm-elections/>

Article

How Deregulation Undermines the Trump Administration's 'Economic D-Day' Against Iran

As the Trump administration attempts to financially isolate Iran, its domestic financial deregulation is creating loopholes that undermine the administration's own economic blockade and jeopardize U.S. national security.

Sadhana Mandala, Andrew Miller

Oct 9, 2026

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/how-deregulation-undermines-the-trump-administrations-economic-d-day-against-iran/>

Blog Post

Surprising (Almost) No One, the US Trade Deficit Is Back to Pre-Tariff Levels

By Scott Lincicome and Chad Smitson

October 8, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/surprising-almost-no-one-us-trade-deficit-back-pre-tariff-levels>

Issue Brief

The new geoeconomics of Bretton Woods

Trade, investment, technology, finance, energy, and critical minerals are increasingly intertwined with national security. But globalization is not ending—it is becoming more contested and fragmented.

By Amin Mohseni-Cheraghlou, Martin Mühleisen, Nicole Goldin, Hung Tran, and Nisha Narayanan

Oct 6, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/the-new-geoeconomics-of-bretton-woods/>

Commentary

U.S. Foreign Economic Policy Needs a Quarterback

The U.S. government should empower the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to be a more effective agency to lead on economic growth abroad.

by Richard Crespin and John Simon

October 6, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/us-foreign-economic-policy-needs-quarterback>

RealTime Economics

Trump's state capitalism reaches a high-water mark

Gary Clyde Hufbauer (PIIE) and Katelyn Hetrick (PIIE)

October 6, 2026

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2026/trumps-state-capitalism-reaches-high-water-mark>

Report

The Emerging Digital Battleground: The Critical Factors That Produce Advantage in the U.S.-China Competition for Digital Networks

Digital infrastructure is now central to the U.S.-China rivalry. The authors identify nine factors that shape competition in global markets and offer five strategic priorities for the United States.

Michael J. Mazarr, Habiba Ahmed, Marzia Giambertoni, Shea Henderson, Robert Ulrich Nagel, Christian Trotti

Oct 5, 2026

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Report

Assessing Chinese and U.S. Technology Diffusion Capacity

The U.S.-China tech rivalry hinges not only on innovation but also on achieving widespread technological diffusion in the economy. This report examines both countries' capacity to convert technological progress into sustained productivity gains.

Francesca Ghiretti, Naoko Aoki, Fiona Quimbre, Jon Schmid, Anton Shenk, Nathaniel Edenfield, Conlan Ellis

Oct 5, 2026

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Issue Brief

The risks of the strategic petroleum reserve's four-decade low

The US Strategic Petroleum Reserve has reached a historic low. As oil markets continue to tighten, refilling the reserve will become increasingly difficult.

By Jamie Webster and Morgan D. Bazilian

Oct 2, 2026

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/the-risks-of-the-strategic-petroleum-reserves-four-decade-low/>

Report | via AEI

Geneva 29: Changing Structure and Challenges of the International Financial System: Imbalances, Currencies, and Financial Stability

The 29th Geneva Report on the World Economy assesses four major challenges currently confronting the global economy. First, global imbalances have re-emerged as a central issue, driven by China's growing external surplus, in part reflecting...

Steven B. Kamin + Valentina Bruno + Angel Ubide + et al.

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Domestic Politics

Article

The Plot to Delete Democracy

In The Nerd Reich Gil Durán shows how Silicon Valley billionaires have pushed a fringe ideology—what is popularly called techno-fascism but is closer in aspiration to straight-up totalitarianism—into the affairs of state.

Sue Halpern

NYRB November 5, 2026 issue

<https://www.nybooks.com/articles/2026/11/05/the-plot-to-delete-democracy-nerd-reich-duran/>

Short Cuts

Midterm Chicanery

Aziz Huq

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<https://www.lrb.co.uk/the-paper/v48/n19/aziz-huq/short-cuts>

Commentary

Rethinking the Legal Profession's Role in Business and Human Rights

With a key U.S. court path to corporate accountability closed and no federal due diligence mandate, lawyers are among the last safeguards for human rights. CSIS experts outline how counsel, bar associations, and courts can use existing professional rules to guard against rights harms and silencing tactics.

by Zamira Djabarova and Lana Baydas

October 15, 2026

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/rethinking-legal-professions-role-business-and-human-rights>

Heritage Lecture Courts

Jurisprudential Approach of the Six Conservative Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court

Charles Stimson

October 14, 2026

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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2026-10/HL1352.pdf>

Expert Insights

Presence Is Not Residence: Allegiance and Who Is Counted in the 2030 Census

Thomas Lane, Director, Secure Elections Policy

October 13, 2026

<https://americafirstpolicy.com/issues/presence-is-not-residence-allegiance-and-who-is-counted-in-the-2030-census/>

First Principles Conservatism

People, Place, Principles: This Is America

Brenda Hafera

October 13, 2026

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Blog Post

J. D. Vance's Walk in the Forest of Forgetfulness

By Dan Greenberg

October 12, 2026

<https://www.cato.org/blog/j-d-vances-walk-forest-forgetfulness>

Research Article

Americans agree on corruption, but partisanship shapes who is blamed

Raymond La Raja, Zachary Albert, and Tatishe Nteta

October 8, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/americans-agree-on-corruption-but-partisanship-shapes-who-is-blamed/>

Research Article

Reduced immigration and net out-migration are slowing growth in the DMV region

Tracy Hadden Loh and Jordan Simmons

October 8, 2026

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/dmv-population-growth-immigration-migration/>

Expert Take

Are the U.S. Midterms Vulnerable to Foreign Meddling?

The Trump administration has scaled back efforts to limit foreign disinformation and misinformation in U.S. elections even as Russia, China, and Iran continue to push secret influence campaigns.

James M. Lindsay

October 7, 2026

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/are-the-u-s-midterms-vulnerable-to-foreign-meddling>

Issue Brief

A Better Standard for Election Records Retention

Anna Pingel

October 6, 2026

<https://americafirstpolicy.com/issues/a-better-standard-for-election-records-retention/>

The Conservative Coalition We Need to Save the West

transcript of Kevin Roberts's remarks at the National Conservatism Conference, Jerusalem, on October 6, 2026

Kevin D. Roberts, PhD

<https://www.heritage.org/conservatism/commentary/the-conservative-coalition-we-need-save-the-west>

Foresight

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First Hand

Canada Doesn't Need to Shout Louder

The Hon. Peter MacKay on national security, the Canada–US relationship and the case for quiet strength.

By: The Honourable Peter MacKay

13 October, 2026

<https://opencanada.org/canada-doesnt-need-to-shout-louder/>

CIGI Papers No. 363

Monetary Sovereignty in an Age of Digital Money

Sovereign power over money and finance infrastructure is becoming an increasingly relevant concern for nations around the world as rapid technological and financial innovation and geopolitical turmoil upend their previous paradigms. In particular, fiat currencies are at risk as new forms of money and payment systems enabled by distributed ledger technology begin to undermine them. The role of money in a nation's sovereignty is integral, as a fragmented system (such as a fiat-based economy being undermined by widespread use of stablecoins) is a system that cannot bind its national economy together. And for any jurisdiction outside the United States, as most popular stablecoins are linked to the US dollar, this fragmentation raises a particularly pertinent question of monetary sovereignty. CIGI Senior Fellow Timothy Lane examines this question and how the spread of digital assets is changing the global money landscape, outlining steps to maintain monetary sovereignty for countries concerned with how stablecoins, central bank digital currencies and more could affect the integrity of their economic structures.

Timothy Lane
October 8, 2026
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Policy Perspective

The Case for Canada-Japan-Republic of Korea Trilateral Cybersecurity Cooperation

by Jeehye Kim and Tae Yeon Eom

October 2026

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Foreign Policy by Canadians 2026

A National Deliberative Poll on Canada's Role in the World

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