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Tensions Under the Baltic Sea

Europeans are accelerating responses to gray-zone operations.

By Frida Rintakumpu, Sophie Arts, Jana Ondraskova

January 10, 2025

https://www.gmfus.org/news/tensions-under-baltic-sea?mc_cid=ab0f8b689a

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The Quad Plus the Philippines

A Strategic Partnership for a Peaceful South China Sea

Lisa Curtis, Evan Wright and Nathaniel Schochet

January 09, 2025

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Scenarios for the Future of U.S.-Russia Strategic Stability and Arms Control

Results from a Track II Dialogue

Edited by Samuel Charap, John J. Drennan, Julia Masterson

Jan 9, 2025

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What Do U.S. Allies Really Contribute to the Costs of Global Security?

By King Mallory

Jan 9, 2025

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Neutrality: An Alternative to Ukraine's Membership in NATO

While Ukraine's acceptance into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) appears unattainable, armed neutrality may be the country's next best option to protect against future Russian aggression.

by Eugene Rumer

January 7, 2025

<https://www.cfr.org/article/neutrality-alternative-ukraines-membership-nato>

Quincy Paper

The Fiscal Implications of a Major Increase in U.S. Military Spending

Steven Kosiak

January 7, 2025

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China 2035: Three Scenarios for China's Nuclear Program

Andrew Harding, Madelyn Heaston and Robert Peters

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The North Atlantic Treaty: U.S. Legal Obligations and Congressional Authorities

Karen Sokol

Jan 06, 2025

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'First, we will defend the homeland': The case for homeland missile defense

A comprehensive analysis of U.S. homeland missile defense, addressing policies, security challenges, and strategies to counter threats from North Korea, China, and Russia.

By Robert Soofer with contributions from Kari Anderson, James McCue, Tom Karako, Mark J. Massa, Alyxandra Marine, and Jonathan Rosenstein

Jan 4, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/first-we-will-defend-the-homeland-the-case-for-homeland-missile-defense/>

Commentary

What if Russia wins in Ukraine? We can already see the shadows of a dark 2025

Instability is growing, Putin's hybrid war in Europe is heating up, and for fear of escalation we have encouraged global nuclear proliferation

Timothy Garton Ash

2 January 2025

<https://ecfr.eu/article/what-if-russia-wins-in-ukraine-we-can-already-see-the-shadows-of-a-dark-2025/>

Commentary

10 Conflicts to Watch in 2025

Trump's return adds unpredictability to an already volatile world. As global tensions rise, change looms, whether through deals or by force of arms.

01 January 2025

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After primacy: US military options in contemporary East Asia

Melanie W. Sisson and Dan Patt

December 20, 2024

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/after-primacy-us-military-options-in-contemporary-east-asia/>

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US-Mittelstreckenwaffen in Deutschland: Abschreckung und Rüstungskontrolle zusammen-denken

Alexander Graef

20.12.2024

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Foreign Policy

Philip Zelikow. **“A Fresh Look at the Russian Assets: A Proposal for International Resolution of Sanctioned Accounts.”** Hoover Institution Essay. Hoover Institution Press

January 2025

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New Atlanticist

How Trump can redefine the Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation

The Biden administration began the platform for more than three dozen coastal Atlantic countries to convene, but it can find new life under Trump.

By Christian Bjørn Følsgaard

Jan 10, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/how-trump-can-redefine-the-partnership-for-atlantic-cooperation/>

New Atlanticist

Five questions (and expert answers) about Biden’s final round of sanctions on Russia

In likely the last such action by the Biden administration against the Kremlin, the US Treasury Department just announced tough new sanctions targeting the Russian oil and gas industry.

By Atlantic Council experts

Jan 10, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/five-questions-and-expert-answers-about-bidens-final-round-of-sanctions-on-russia/>

CSIS Brief

Silicon Island: Assessing Taiwan’s Importance to U.S. Economic Growth and Security

This brief from the CSIS Economics Program and Scholl Chair in International Business analyzes Taiwan’s role in U.S. economic security and provides a policy roadmap to approach geopolitical and economic challenges facing the island.

by William Alan Reinsch and Jack Whitney

January 10, 2025

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Report

Dollars and Sense: America's Interest in a Ukrainian Victory

„We conclude that maintaining security in a strategic environment in which Russia is victorious over Ukraine could cost the United States an additional \$808 billion in defense spending over five years.“

By Elaine McCusker | Frederick W. Kagan | Richard Sims

American Enterprise Institute

January 09, 2025

<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Dollars-and-Sense.pdf?x85095>

Research Brief

Competing Visions of Restraint for U.S. Foreign Policy

This brief summarizes ideas that have led to support for a U.S. grand strategy of restraint, which involves using diplomacy to settle differences, reducing forward presence, downgrading or ending commitments, and raising the bar for the use of force.

Miranda Priebe, John M. Schuessler, Bryan Rooney, Jasen J. Castillo

Jan 9, 2025

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Insight & Analysis

Justin Trudeau, Resigned. What Next for US – Canadian Relations?

By Christopher Sands

January 7, 2025

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Commentary

Abetting competition, restraining Beijing: Recommendations for diplomacy toward China

Jonathan A. Czin

January 6, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/abetting-competition-restraining-beijing-recommendations-for-diplomacy-toward-china/>

Report from Center for Preventive Action | CFR

Conflicts to Watch in 2025

Preventive Priorities Survey Results

U.S. foreign policy experts rank the thirty global conflicts that could most significantly affect the United States in 2025.

Paul B. Stares

January 6, 2025

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Blog Post

Transition 2025: What Will Donald Trump Do About Iran?

James M. Lindsay

January 3, 2025

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/transition-2025-what-will-donald-trump-do-about-iran>

Commentary

Here's Why Trump's Foreign Policy Is Hard to Pin Down

By Jasen J. Castillo, John M. Schuessler, Miranda Priebe

Jan 3, 2025

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Commentary

2025: The year we get better at being wrong

Ten key foreign policy trends for the year ahead

Mark Leonard, Jeremy Shapiro

3 January 2025

<https://ecfr.eu/article/2025-the-year-we-get-better-at-being-wrong/>

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The Eurasian Century: Hot Wars, Cold Wars, and the Making of the Modern World

An urgent and incisive new framework for understanding the origins—and stakes—of global conflict with China, Russia, and Iran.

By Hal Brands

January 01, 2025

<https://www.aei.org/research-products/book/the-urasian-century-hot-wars-cold-wars-and-the-making-of-the-modern-world/>

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Ukraine Index: Tracking developments in the Ukraine war

Michael E. O'Hanlon, Constanze Stelzenmüller, and David Wessel
December 26, 2024

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ukraine-index-tracking-developments-in-the-ukraine-war/>

Conference Reports

SIFMANet Report: Strategies for Effective Sanctions on Belarus

Roland Papp

23 December 2024

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Policy Brief

Farce then tragedy: Russian views of the West and what they mean for Ukraine

Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow

20 December 2024

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Trump and China: An Unprincipled, Impractical, Reactionary Approach to China Policy

Trump and his China hawk team, through current words and past deeds, risk making America poorer, weaker, and less secure.

Dave Rank, Alan Yu

Dec 19, 2024

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/trump-and-china-an-unprincipled-impractical-reactionary-approach-to-china-policy/>

Policy Notes

Trump 2.0: Restraint Foreign Policy Recommendations for Trump's Second Term

Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft

George Beebe, Anatol Lieven, Jake Werner, James Park, Trita Parsi, Adam Weinstein, Sarang Shidore and Ben Freeman

December 19, 2024

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Economics, Trade and Finance

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Getting Global Monetary Policy on Track

Following a surge in global inflation, experts from around the world discuss and debate monetary policy and strategy, examining interest rates, labor markets, and the role of central banks.

Edited by: Michael D. Bordo , John H. Cochrane , John B. Taylor

March 1, 2025

<https://www.hoover.org/research/getting-global-monetary-policy-track>

Expert comment

The biggest economic risk from Donald Trump's presidency is a loss of confidence in US governance

Trump's economic policies may prove surprisingly benign in the short term. But steps that undermine domestic US institutions and international alliances would do serious and lasting damage.

Creon Butler,

Director, Global Economy and Finance Programme

10 January 2025

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2025/01/biggest-economic-risk-donald-trumps-presidency-loss-confidence-us-governance>

Expert comment

Russia's economic dilemmas give Trump important leverage in negotiations on Ukraine. But will he use it?

Putin's government considers inflation an existential threat. But Trump's preoccupation with China may prevent the US exploiting Russian weakness.

David Lubin, Michael Klein Senior Research Fellow, Global Economy and Finance Programme

10 January 2025

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2025/01/russias-economic-dilemmas-give-trump-important-leverage-negotiations-ukraine-will-he-use-it>

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Trump's Targeted Tariff Proposals Are Already a Notable Success

Andrew Hale

Jan 10, 2025

<https://www.heritage.org/trade/commentary/trumps-targeted-tariff-proposals-are-already-notable-success>

Commentary

How Export Controls Endanger the West's Military Technology Advantage

To protect the innovation and emerging technologies critical to Western military advantage, the US Bureau of Industry and Security must reconsider its expectations for banks.

Catherine Woods

9 January 2025

<https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/how-export-controls-endanger-west-military-technology-advantage>

Policy Analysis

**A Fiscal Agenda for the 119th Congress
The 2025 Fiscal Cliff Calls for Spending Restraint**

The 119th Congress will confront several fiscal deadlines that include reaching the federal debt limit in 2025, the expiration of statutory discretionary spending caps, expanded Obamacare health insurance subsidies, and a host of tax provisions.

By Romina Boccia and Dominik Lett

January 7, 2025 •

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Commentary

What will happen to the Inflation Reduction Act under a Republican trifecta?

Riki Fujii-Rajani and Sanjay Patnaik

January 6, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-will-happen-to-the-inflation-reduction-act-under-a-republican-trifecta/>

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Valedictory—or Obituary?

This week, the Scholl Chair comprehensively assess the trade policies of the outgoing Biden administration.

by William Alan Reinsch

January 6, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/veledictory-or-obituary>

New Atlanticist

Five big questions about the global economy in 2025

The answers to each of these questions will help determine the United States' economic standing in the next twenty-five years.

By Josh Lipsky, Sophia Busch

Jan 3, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/five-big-questions-about-the-global-economy-in-2025/>

Econographics

A policy blueprint for the Trump administration's outbound investment screening regime

By Kit Conklin

December 20, 2024

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/econographics/a-policy-blueprint-for-the-trump-administrations-outbound-investment-screening-regime/>

Critical Questions

Assessing the Potential Impact of the EU Forced Labor Regulation and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

The Forced Labor Regulation and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive demonstrate the European Union's leadership on business and human rights and corporate sustainability and are part of a broader global movement promoting responsible business conduct.

by Aly Senko, Lauren Burke Preputnik, Scott Busby, and Michelle Strucke

December 20, 2024

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/assessing-potential-impact-eu-forced-labor-regulation-and-corporate-sustainability-due>

Commentary

Experts React: DOE LNG Study Highlights and Implications

The Department of Energy released its long-awaited study on U.S. liquified natural gas exports, offering a comprehensive update on economic and environmental analysis. Experts discuss key highlights and implications for the next administration.

by Joseph Majkut, Jane Nakano, Kevin Book, Arvind Ravikumar, Ben Cahill, Leslie Palti-Guzman, Cy McGeady, Kunro Irié, and Janet M. Whittaker

December 20, 2024

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/experts-react-doe-lng-study-highlights-and-implications>

Commentary

Trump Trade 2.0

The Scholl Chair assesses the motivations and uncertainties surrounding the second Trump administration's tariff policy, as well as potential consequences on the United States' global economic standing.

by David Nelson

December 20, 2024

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/trump-trade-20>

Commentary

How the US should address Chinese overcapacity and its impact on international trade

Joshua P. Meltzer and Margaret M. Pearson

December 19, 2024

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The Real Deal for US Steel: A Comprehensive Analysis of the Nippon Steel-US Steel Purchase

William Chou & Paul Sracic

Dec 19, 2024

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Domestic Politics

Commentary

Are the very rich taking over American politics?

Elaine Kamarck and Jordan Muchnick

January 9, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/are-the-very-rich-taking-over-american-politics/>

Backgrounder

How the Nukes Were Queered: A Case Study in DEI as a Political and Bureaucratic Weapon

Key Takeaways

- DEI is a tool for siphoning resources and a means of subverting and capturing the mission of institutions in favor of an alternative agenda.
- DEI presents a significant danger to national security, risking deterrence and raising questions about insider threats and the role of foreign influence.
- Fortunately, the incoming Trump Administration has an opportunity to break up this ideological infrastructure and clean out the American nuclear field.

Nathan Levine

Visiting Fellow, Simon Center for American Studies

January 9, 2025

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Quincy Brief

Big Ideas and Big Money: Think Tank Funding in America

Ben Freeman and Nick Cleveland-Stout

January 3, 2025

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Commentary

What the nation told us in 2024, state by state

E.J. Dionne, Jr. and Max Keeney

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- Trump's gains in each of the seven swing states was smaller than the national figure, although his pickup in Arizona and Nevada nearly matched his nationwide improvement.
- The fact that Trump did especially well in Arizona and Nevada no doubt speaks in part to his success in gaining ground among Latino voters.
- Trump made significant gains in seemingly solid blue states.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-the-nation-told-us-in-2024-state-by-state/>

First Principles

Beyond Jeremiads: Signs of Cultural Revival, Circa 2025

Mary Eberstadt

Senior Research Fellow, Faith and Reason Institute

December 31, 2024

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Legal Memorandum

The Return of the Congressional Review Act

- The Congressional Review Act empowers Congress expeditiously to review and nullify improvident agency rules.
- Congress and the first Trump Administration proved that the CRA is a valuable tool with which to restrain the administrative state.
- A revised CRA should specify that Congress may reject multiple rules by up-or-down vote and private parties may legally challenge failure to submit a rule to Congress.

December 30, 2024

Paul Larkin

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What we know about the 2024 Democratic and Republican parties: An analysis of congressional candidates

Elaine Kamarck and Anna Heetderks

December 23, 2024

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-we-know-about-the-2024-democratic-and-republican-parties-an-analysis-of-congressional-candidates/>

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What to expect on immigration policy from a Trump White House

Five policy areas and three scenarios

Tara Watson and Jonathon Zars

December 19, 2024

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-to-expect-on-immigration-policy-from-a-trump-white-house/>

Foresight

EURASIA GROUP'S TOP RISKS FOR 2025

Top Risks is Eurasia Group's annual forecast of the political risks that are most likely to play out over the course of the year. This year's report was published on 6 January 2025.

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Canada and America First: A New Way Forward

by Bernard Etzinger

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