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USA Defense

Commentary

Guarding the Frontier: Options for a Post-Conflict Security Force in Ukraine

Any lasting peace in Ukraine demands more than ceasefire monitors—it requires a powerful international force capable of deterring aggression, securing vast borders, and integrating Ukraine into the transatlantic security framework. Anything less risks failure.

by Benjamin Jensen

February 26, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/guarding-frontier-options-post-conflict-security-force-ukraine>

Report | United States Studies Centre

Australia–Republic of Korea Dialogue on Security Cooperation

Tom Corben, Esther Soulard and Kester Abbott

February 2025

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<https://cdn.sanity.io/files/ooh1fq7e/production/cb484fb98c1d6c5bed04c85c8096bd8c40ca4f84.pdf/Australia-Republic-of-Korea-Dialogue%20on%20Security-Cooperation-outcomes-report.pdf>

Research Report

Thinking Through Protracted War with China: Nine Scenarios

This report describes a set of scenarios through which the authors explore the hypothesis that U.S.-China competition plausibly could lead to wars that endure longer than envisioned by traditional force planning scenarios.

Joel B. Predd, Paul DeLuca, Scott Savitz, Edward Geist, Caitlin Lee

Feb 26, 2025

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Testimony

Strategic Opportunities and Risks in the East Asia and Pacific Region

By Zack Cooper

February 25, 2025

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Testimony | CFR

Emerging Global Threats: Putting America's National Security First

by Charles A. Kupchan

February 25, 2025

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New Atlanticist

Revitalizing the US defense industry is best done with European allies

By combining their efforts and sharing risks, the United States and Europe can establish the defense industrial bases needed to confront today's growing global threats.

By James Hursch, Kristen Taylor

Feb 24, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/revitalizing-the-us-defense-industry-is-best-done-with-european-allies/>

Policy Memo | Hudson Institute

Nonproliferation in Great Power Competition

Rebecca L. Heinrichs & Yashar Parsie

Feb 24, 2025

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<https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/media.hudson.org/Nonproliferation+in+Great+Power+Competition+-+Heinrichs+-+Parsie+-+Feb+2025.pdf>

Research Article

Achieving “peace through strength” in the 2020s

Michael E. O’Hanlon

February 21, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/achieving-peace-through-strength-in-the-2020s/>

Brussels Sprouts Podcast

Transatlantic Turbulence and the Future Role of the U.S. in European Security

By: Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Jim Townsend, Emma Ashford and Stephen Wertheim

February 21, 2025

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/podcast/brussels-sprouts-live-transatlantic-turbulence-and-the-future-role-of-the-u-s-in-european-security>

AEI Foreign and Defense Policy Working Paper Series

Getting Specific on DOGE Efficiencies: Opportunities for Defense

By Elaine McCusker | John G. Ferrari | Todd Harrison

February 20, 2025

17 S.

<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WP-Getting-Specific-on-DOGE-Efficiencies-Opportunities-for-Defense.pdf?x85095>

Issue Brief

A NATO strategy for countering Russia

Russia poses the most direct and growing threat to NATO member states' security. This threat now includes the war in Ukraine, militarization in the Arctic, hybrid warfare, and arms control violations. Despite NATO's military and economic superiority, a unified and effective strategy is essential to counter Russia's aggression.

By Ian Brzezinski, Ryan Arick

Feb 20, 2025

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<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/A-NATO-strategy-for-countering-Russia.pdf>

Quincy Research Note

The Ukraine War After Three Years: Roads Not Taken

Marcus Stanley

February 19, 2025

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Commentary

Time to Reassess the Costs of Euro-Atlantic Security

By Anna M. Dowd and Stephen J. Flanagan

Feb 17, 2025

<https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2025/02/time-to-reassess-the-costs-of-euro-atlantic-security.html>

Report from Center for Preventive Action

Ukraine, NATO, and War Termination

The United States has an unquestionable interest in ending the Russia-Ukraine war. Equally imperative, argue Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's Eric Ciaramella and Eric Green, is safeguarding Ukraine's postwar sovereignty and security while signaling to Russia and other adversaries that attempting to change borders through force will incur a heavy cost.

by Eric Ciaramella and Eric Green

February 14, 2025

<https://www.cfr.org/report/ukraine-nato-and-war-termination>

CSIS Report

The Transatlantic Alliance in the Age of Trump: The Coming Collisions

Europe is now staring at the beginning of a new post-American age. The policy collisions to come will be transformative for transatlantic relations and will reshape the transatlantic alliance.

by Max Bergmann

February 14, 2025

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Issue Brief

To secure Taiwan, the United States must first secure Ukraine

US defense priorities appear to be at a crossroads. Can the United States materially sustain Ukraine in its fight with Russia while preparing for a possible fight with China in defense of Taiwan?

By Brian Kerg

Feb 13, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/to-secure-taiwan-the-uni-ted-states-must-first-secure-ukraine/>

Testimony

Prevailing in an era of comprehensive conflict

Mara Karlin

House Armed Services Committee Hearing on “Protecting American Interests in a Convergent Global Threat Environment“

February 12, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/prevailing-in-an-era-of-comprehensive-conflict/>

Blog Post

Just in Time for Valentine’s Day, Hegseth Takes the Romance Out of NATO

For more than two years, European capitals have been encouraging maximalism regarding the Ukraine war, and more generally encouraging the doddering US president’s romantic ideas about the transatlantic relationship. It all came crashing down today.

By Justin Logan

February 12, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/blog/just-time-valentines-day-hegseth-takes-romance-out-nato>

Quincy Brief

Defending Without Provoking: The United States and the Philippines in the South China Sea

Sarang Shidore

February 12, 2025

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Critical Questions

Why the Women, Peace, and Security Act Strengthens U.S. Defense Strategy

The Women, Peace, and Security Act programs implemented by the Department of Defense already comport with Trump administration policy. Put simply, WPS provides the DOD with a toolkit to make the joint force more tactically effective and strategically capable.

Critical Questions by Kathleen McInnis

February 11, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/why-women-peace-and-security-act-strengthens-us-defense-strategy>

Task Force Report No. 82 | CFR

Securing Space A Plan for U.S. Action

Nina M. Armagno and Jane Harman, Co-chairs

Esther D. Brimmer, Project Director

Updated February 2025

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National Security

Research | via RAND

Could Artificial General Intelligence Adoption Start a Civil War in America?

With indicators already pointing to a volatile level of political stress in the United States, a large-scale displacement of educated elites by artificial general intelligence (AGI) could spark a convulsive breakdown of the state.

Timothy R. Heath

Feb 27, 2025

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/2025/02/25/could-artificial-general-intelligence-adoption-start-a-civil-war-in-america/>

Foreign Policy

Expert comment

Trump is pushing Europe and China closer together. Europe should tread carefully

A more pragmatic relationship with China could offer opportunities for Europe to chart a more independent course. But it is but it not without risk.

Katja Bego

Senior Research Fellow, International Security Programme

27 February 2025

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2025/02/trump-pushing-europe-and-china-closer-together-europe-should-tread-carefully>

New Atlanticist

Why the US should not lift sanctions against Russia

Sanctions are having an unmistakable effect, albeit below the inflated expectations of many in the West in early 2022. Lifting them now would be a mistake.

By Charles Lichfield

Feb 26, 2025

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/why-the-us-should-not-lift-sanctions-against-russia/>

Critical Questions

What Are Civil Society Organizations?

Civil society organizations are vital partners in U.S. foreign policy, improving security, pushing back on authoritarianism and global adversaries, and providing lifesaving assistance, but too few people understand how they operate.

by Andrew Friedman
February 26, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/what-are-civil-society-organizations>

Report

The Ukraine Reparation Loan Solution

American Enterprise Institute

By Hugo Dixon | Lee Buchheit

February 25, 2025

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Commentary

Trump, Xi, and the false hope of a grand bargain

Patricia M. Kim

February 25, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/trump-xi-and-the-false-hope-of-a-grand-bargain/>

Testimony | CNAS

Missed Milestones: Evaluating The Last Four Years in the EAP Region and Unseized Opportunities Under President Trump

By: Richard Fontaine

February 25, 2025

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CSIS Report

Critical Foreign Policy Decisions (Cfpd)-Benchmark: Measuring Diplomatic Preferences In Large Language Models

Benjamin Jensen, Ian Reynolds, Yasir Atalan

February 25, 2025

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Dashboard: <https://futures-lab-llm-biases.streamlit.app/~/?embed=true#llm-bias-dashboard>

Commentary

How Sanctions Have Reshaped Russia's Future

As the war in Ukraine enters its fourth year, the CSIS Economics Program and Scholl Chair analyzes the ways that broad Western sanctions on Russia have altered its economic landscape.

by Philip Luck

February 24, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/how-sanctions-have-reshaped-russias-future>

Online Analysis

America's strategic diplomatic surrender

America is pre-emptively ceding fundamental and long-held positions to Russia in the hope of ending a war it is not fighting. This is likely to make it less, not more, secure.

Nigel Gould-Davies

Senior Fellow for Russia and Eurasia

24th February 2025

<https://www.iiss.org/online-analysis/online-analysis/2025/02/americas-strategic-diplomatic-surrender/>

Critical Questions

Assessing the Viability of a U.S.-Ukraine Minerals Deal

As the United States and Ukraine reach a framework agreement on mineral resources, CSIS's Gracelin Baskaran examines the key issues around the viability of a deal.

by Gracelin Baskaran and Meredith Schwartz

February 21, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/assessing-viability-us-ukraine-minerals-deal>

Commentary

Grand Bargains in History: Trump's Ukraine Gambit

Trump's team is pursuing a grand bargain with Russia over Ukraine—bold but risky. History shows such deals reshape global order, yet often fail to end great power rivalries. Can the United States realign the world without sacrificing alliances or strategic leverage?

by Benjamin Jensen

February 20, 2025

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/grand-bargains-history-trumps-ukraine-gambit>

Memo

Disruptoren und Laien im US-Verteidigungsministerium

Trump's neues Team sorgt für Unberechenbarkeit

Zwei Lager von Außenseitern dominieren in den obersten Etagen des neuen Verteidigungsministeriums von Donald Trump: Im Pentagon treffen nationalistische Hardliner wie Pete Hegseth auf

Tech-Milliardäre wie Stephen Feinberg und Emil Michael. Militärische Erfahrung ist hier oft Fehlangezeige – stattdessen überwiegen Investoren und Medienfiguren. Ist das gezielte Disruption oder gefährliche Unerfahrenheit?

Rachel Tausendfreund

19. Febr. 2025

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Quincy Brief

Peace Through Strength in Ukraine: Sources of U.S. Leverage in Negotiations

George Beebe, Mark Episkopos and Anatol Lieven

February 19, 2025

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Working Paper | National Bureau of Economic Research

The (Un)Intended Consequences of Oil Sanctions Through the Dark Shipping of Sanctioned Oil

By Jesús Fernández-Villaverde | Xiwen Bai | Yiliang Li | Le Xu | Francesco Zanetti

February 18, 2025

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<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/w33486.pdf?x85095>

CSIS Brief

Mining for Defense: Unlocking the Potential for U.S.-Canada Collaboration on Critical Minerals

CSIS Americas Deputy Director and Senior Fellow Christopher Hernandez-Roy, Henry Ziemer, and Alejandra Toro analyze the potential for closer U.S.-Canada cooperation on the critical minerals that underpin both countries' defense industrial bases.

by Christopher Hernandez-Roy, Henry Ziemer, and Alejandra Toro

February 18, 2025

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AEIdeas

Trump's "Denuclearization" Is a Nonstarter—but There Is a Future for Arms Control

February 14, 2025

By Kyle Balzer

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/trumps-denuclearization-is-a-nonstarter-but-there-is-a-future-for-arms-control/>

Report | CNAS

Averting AI Armageddon

U.S.-China-Russia Rivalry at the Nexus of Nuclear Weapons and Artificial Intelligence

By: Jacob Stokes, Colin H. Kahl, Andrea Kendall-Taylor and Nicholas Lokker

February 13, 2025

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https://s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/files.cnas.org/documents/Averting-AI-Armageddon_TSP-IPS_2025_finalB_021325.pdf

Paper

Germany's Role in a Changing Global Order

Georgina Wright, Tobias Spöri, Joschka Fischer, Julia Friedrich, Tobias Bunde, Dhruva Jaishankar, Karsten Jung, Carsten Cramer

February 13, 2025

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Commentary

Trump's Foreign Policy: Good News for Hemispheric Relations

Max Primorac und Andrés Martínez-Fernández

Feb 13, 2025

<https://www.heritage.org/americas/commentary/trumps-foreign-policy-good-news-hemispheric-relations>

Report

Building a Stronger Europe

A Companion to the Belfer Center Task Force Report on a New Transatlantic Bargain

... is a landmark report—co-authored by former senior government officials, national security experts, and policy leaders—presenting a bold strategy for rebalancing the transatlantic security relationship, strengthening Europe's defense capabilities, and redefining the U.S.-European strategic partnership in an era of shifting global threats.

The report argues that Europe must take on a significantly greater role in its own defense, both to safeguard the continent from Russian aggression and to ensure that NATO remains a viable and valuable alliance for the United States.

By R. D. Hooker, Jr. with Max Molot

Feb. 12, 2025

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Article

The State Department Should Give Congress the Information It Needs for Sanctions Requests

Joshua Meservey & Michael Walsh

Feb 11, 2025

<https://www.hudson.org/politics-government/state-department-should-give-congress-information-it-needs-sanctions-requests-joshua-meservey-michael-walsh>

Article

Foreign Policy: Where Is Trump Going?

More forceful and focused than before, he still faces many constraints on his agenda.

February 10, 2025

By: Michael McFaul

<https://www.hoover.org/research/foreign-policy-where-trump-going>

Economics, Trade and Finance

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The CHIPS Act, Part 2: Limitations and Lessons

By Derek Scissors

February 26, 2025

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/the-chips-act-part-2-limitations-and-lessons/>

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The Chips Act, Part 1: Proof of Concept

By Derek Scissors

February 24, 2025

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/the-chips-act-part-1-proof-of-concept/>

Research Report

The fiscal outlook at the beginning of the new administration

Alan J. Auerbach and William G. Gale

February 25, 2025

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Policy Briefs

Eight principles for the 2025 tax policy debate (that Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree on)

Kimberly Clausing (PIIE)

February 2025

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Report | CSIS

Growing Challenges for the Semiconductor Design Industry: The United States Cannot Take Leadership for Granted

In the face of the Chinese challenge, the United States cannot afford to take a business-as-usual approach to chip design leadership. Continued support for semiconductor design is vital for national security and global competitiveness.

by Sujai Shivakumar, Charles Wessner, and Thomas Howell

February 25, 2025

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Report

What If the Trump Tax Cuts Expire? A Primer on What Is at Stake

Key Takeaways

- Fifteen major provisions from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are scheduled to expire in or near 2025.
- If the individual tax cuts expire, taxpayers in all income groups would face higher and more complicated taxes.
- Machinery and equipment expensing is a key provision that, if allowed to expire, would especially harm capital-intensive industries like manufacturing.

Preston Brashers

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February 25, 2025

<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/SR311.pdf>

Research Article

What will deregulation look like under the second Trump administration?

Lessons from the Brookings Regulatory Tracker

Aidan T. Kane, Eli Schrag, and Sanjay Patnaik

February 24, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-will-deregulation-look-like-under-the-second-trump-administration/>

RealTime Economics

Why higher tariffs won't shrink the trade deficit

Joseph E. Gagnon (PIIE)

February 24, 2025

<https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economics/2025/why-higher-tariffs-wont-shrink-trade-deficit>

Blog Post

The Folly of Tariff Reciprocity

By Colin Grabow

February 21, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/blog/folly-tariff-reciprocity>

Research Article

How Congress can turn tariff lemons into lemonade: A border-adjustment tax

Adam Looney and Elena Patel

February 20, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/how-congress-can-turn-tariff-lemons-into-lemonade-a-border-adjustment-tax/>

Speeches & Papers

Can trade aid in bringing peace?

Prepared remarks delivered at the book launch for Pathways to Sustainable Trade and Peace, held at the 4th edition of the Trade for Peace Week,

World Trade Organization, Geneva.

Alan Wm. Wolff (PIIE)

February 20, 2025

<https://www.piie.com/commentary/speeches-papers/2025/can-trade-aid-bringing-peace>

Report

Reducing Regulations Produces Strong Economic Growth Responses

Parker Sheppard, PhD

February 19, 2025

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Article

Why Is Trump Pursuing a 19th Century Trade and Economic Agenda in the 21st Century?

What is needed is an economic strategy designed around the realities of the modern world.

Ryan Mulholland
Feb 18, 2025

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/why-is-trump-pursuing-a-19th-century-trade-and-economic-agenda-in-the-21st-century/>

Economics Working Paper
The Great Dollar Shortage Debate: A Modern Perspective

February 18, 2025

George Tavlas, Harris Dellas

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<https://www.hoover.org/sites/default/files/research/docs/25106-Dellas-Tavlas.pdf>

Blog Post

A One-Dimensional Focus on Balanced Trade Does Not Support the Case for More Tariffs: A Response to Robert Lighthizer

By Kyle Handley

February 14, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/blog/one-dimensional-focus-balanced-trade-does-not-support-case-more-tariffs-response-robert>

Research Briefs in Economic Policy

Does Democracy Enhance Economic Growth?

After accounting for sanctions on nondemocratic countries, the effect of democracy on economic growth generally becomes insignificant or negative.

By Ziho Park

February 12, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/research-briefs-economic-policy/does-democracy-enhance-economic-growth#>

Blog Post

Free-Market Coalition Calls on Congress to Repeal the Inflation Reduction Act's Green Subsidies

The IRA is a cornerstone of big government economic planning and is wreaking havoc on the energy sector and taxpayers alike. Congress should reject the left's Green New Deal in favor of simpler, lower, and fairer taxes for all Americans.

By Travis Fisher, Adam N. Michel, and Joshua Loucks

February 11, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/blog/free-market-coalition-calls-congress-repeal-inflation-reduction-acts-green-subsidies>

Blog Post

More Costly Steel Tariffs on the Horizon

Sixty-plus years of American steel protectionism—and nearly seven since the first Trump administration’s “national security” tariffs—have not succeeded at reversing the industry’s long-term decline. Yet they have imposed and continue to impose significant costs on Americans

By Clark Packard and Alfredo Carrillo Obregon

February 10, 2025

<https://www.cato.org/blog/more-costly-steel-tariffs-horizon>

CSIS Report

Critical Minerals and the Future of the U.S. Economy

Critical minerals play an indispensable role in the modern economy—yet the U.S. mineral supply chain is highly vulnerable. This edited volume offers comprehensive analysis and recommendations to create resilient supply chains for national, economic, and energy security.

by Gracelin Baskaran and Duncan Wood

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Domestic Politics

Article

What To Read Before Donald Trump’s 2025 Address to Congress

The Trump administration’s implementation of the harmful Project 2025 agenda, the unconstitutional dismantling of critical federal agencies, and a forthcoming budget reconciliation battle will serve as key messaging pillars in the president’s address to Congress on March 4.

Caroline Alt, Ben Verdi

Feb 26, 2025

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/what-to-read-before-donald-trumps-2025-address-to-congress/>

Commentary

A majority of Americans are worried about the Trump administration’s prospects

Sibley Telhami

February 25, 2025

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/a-majority-of-americans-are-worried-about-the-trump-administrations-prospects/>

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On the Expansion of Executive Power: An Overview

By Robert A. Levy
February 25, 2025
<https://www.cato.org/blog/expansion-executive-power-overview>

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Why Homelessness Skyrocketed in 2024—and What To Do About It
Rachel Sheffield
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Article
Can Political Parties Be Rebooted?
Morris Fiorina discusses the Trump mystique, economic distress, and political parties that forsake the center.
By: Chris Herhalt
February 21, 2025
<https://www.hoover.org/research/can-political-parties-be-rebooted>

Commentary
Hey, Congress: Make Government Great Again—by Turning Trump’s Reforms Into Law
Kevin D. Roberts, PhD
Feb 20, 2025
<https://www.heritage.org/conservatism/commentary/hey-congress-make-government-great-again-turning-trumps-reforms-law>

Legal Memorandum
Prime Targets for Congressional Review Act Nullification
Paul Larkin und GianCarlo Canaparo
February 20, 2025
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<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2025-02/LM372.pdf>

Commentary
DOGE Can’t Slash Government Without Congress
The federal leviathan can’t be dismantled by executive action alone. To truly cut spending and rein in the bureaucracy, the administration needs buy-in from the branch that built it.
February 18, 2025 •
By Gene Healy
<https://www.cato.org/commentary/doge-cant-slash-government-without-congress#>

Policy Analysis

Congress Can't Outgrow or Inflate Away the Social Security Financing Problem

Congress must act quickly to reform Social Security and avoid a fiscal crisis fueled by rising costs and demographic pressures.

February 12, 2025

By Romina Boccia and Dominik Lett

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<https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/2025-02/Policy-Analysis-989.pdf>

Commentary

How is civil society responding to the US constitutional crisis?

Vanessa Williamson

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