

# **Geopolitics II**

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# I. Global Challenges

- Axis of Aggressors
- New tech revolution
- Addressing popular concerns with the excesses of globalization



## **II. Functional Pillars: Security**

- Peace through Strength
- \$1 trillion US defense budget
- Nuclear modernization
- Golden Dome
- Revitalizing the defense industrial base
- Allied burden sharing



## **II. Functional Pillars: Economics**

- Free and fair trade
- Win the tech race (promote, protect, partner)
- Energy dominance
- Securing supply chains
- Reindustrialization/friend shoring
- Tariffs
- Trade, not aid



## II. Functional Pillars: Values

- Traditional pillar of US policy
  - Trump has threatened action against Maduro and Iran
- But is this changing?
  - Iraq and Afghanistan hangover
  - Disavowed in National Security Strategy
  - Trump cooperates with autocratic leaders
- My view



## **III. Regions: Western Hemisphere**

- Narcotics trafficking
- Border security
- Growing Russian and Chinese influence
- Specifics
  - Panama
  - Greenland
  - Venezuela



### **III. Regions: Indo-Pacific**

- China: security threat or trade partner?
- Taiwan flashpoint
- Strengthening alliances
- North Korea





### **III. Regions: Europe**

- NATO
- Ukraine
- Future of US-Russia relationship



### **III. Regions: Middle East**

- Iran
- Gaza
- Regional normalization



## **IV. Conclusion**

