



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

