

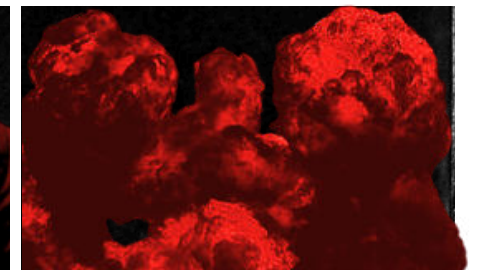
Trump's “America First” National Security Strategy and What It Means for the People



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Mobilize and Unite Against US-Led War

Under the current contradictions, this Trump NSS codifies a political strategy consistent with US imperialism, but shows the US becoming more isolated and fascist, and its actions more aggressive and volatile. As the world is redivided among the imperialists, there is a continuation of a permanent state of conflict, with a growing impact on all those caught in the crosshairs.

Given the volatility of the US empire in decline, our movement must grow to support and grow popular resistance, build global solidarity with the people impacted by all the fronts of Trump's "America First Strategy," expose the "Peace through Strength" operations, and rally the people to fight back. We must take every opportunity to wage strategic interventions and mobilize mass campaigns to raise the consciousness of the people to see through the propaganda of the US and to see the true fascist aggression for what it is. Our united fronts for peace must be urgently oriented and aligned with the true liberation of the people and today's resistance movements struggling to end the imperialist system at the root of today's wars to truly achieve a just and lasting peace.



Introduction

Palestine, Yemen, Iran, Syria, Lebanon: The US "Peace through Strength" narrative is used to give a moral excuse for military intervention in Iran, from economic pressure to threats of force and the deployment of bombs and troops, all serving the US strategic interests. The Zionists used their extermination war to justify bombings, assassinations, and occupation of Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen while eyeing an ultimate war against Iran in its expansionist quest to establish "Greater Israel." This is a US-Zionist war of aggression against all of West Asia that threatens to catastrophically devastate the entire region if not stopped. In response, the liberation forces of the Axis of Resistance wage an unrelenting fight in defense of their peoples' lives and self-determination, acting as a united movement against US-led war in the region.

Genocidal Board of "Peace:" is a colonial blueprint for Gaza's future, a direct assault on international law in an attempt to once again bend the world to the will of US imperialism. This "vision" serves to legitimize the ongoing "Israeli" genocide while systematically dismantling the legitimate Palestinian armed resistance through a combination of military intervention, economic coercion and psychological warfare. The roster and administration for this so called "board of peace", an instrument designed to oversee the pacification and colonial administration of Gaza in the wake of Israel's ongoing genocidal war, is a caricature of imperialist fantasy. Trump has appointed himself chairman with a life-long term, demanding a \$1 billion entry fee from any state wishing to join, with all funds to be directly controlled by the White House. The board's composition has fully backed the "Israel" war of genocide. Shows how Trump desecrates the idea of peace to mean domination and total submission to US agendas

This primer provides an introduction and overall analysis of the US National Security Strategy (NSS) under the Trump regime. It aims to arm activists and advocates leading anti-war, anti-imperialist, and peace organizing with an understanding of the current US NSS and the real impacts on the people, to analyze the NSS in the context of the major fronts of US-led war and crisis of imperialism, and to prepare our movement to strengthen our struggles to expose and oppose US-led war.

Each US administration has issued its own NSS outlining the direction, as well as the strategy and tactics, that the militaristic regime will take to ensure US monopoly capitalist interests. The world's massive industrial, commercial, agricultural, tech, and financial organization directly benefit from the strongest military in the world continuing to ready itself to unleash its might on the people and nations of the world who stand in the way of their profits. The NSS sets the priorities for how the new regime in the White House will carry out its strategy in service of these interests, but it must be understood that these are the profit-driven interests that always guide US military priorities, regardless of which President has defined them. Any talk of "defense," "peace," and protecting the "rules-based order" is mere cover for the real military priority: asserting and protecting US imperial hegemony and laying claim to the resources, markets, and labor power of the world.



The current NSS under Trump has been noted for its departure from the US's past focus on multilateralism and the image of Western imperialists and their puppet regimes in the neocolonies standing arm-in-arm, working for free trade and mutual benefit. Yet, it must be made clear that the economic and political interests behind every US regime mentioned in the paragraph above have always relied on the false image of the US as a benevolent protector, whether as a guarantor of a mutual rules-based order defined fully by the US and subservient to US interests (such as under Obama and Biden), or as a strong-armed policeman confronting humanity's supposed enemies and winning "peace through strength" (such as under Trump).



What is different in Trump's NSS from past ones is not a difference in principle, but a difference in strategy for achieving the same principle due to rapidly changing conditions in the multipolar world system and the crisis of imperialism. It is this difference in strategy to protect the same principle of unending profits for monopoly capitalists that this primer seeks to clarify. The primer first outlines the current situation of US Led War in the world before defining more what an NSS is and the global context of Trump's NSS. It then analyzes Trump's NSS principles and what they really mean, beyond the language the NSS uses to describe them. Following this is a section on regional analysis and how US plans are and will continue to impact the people in the different regions of the world. Finally, the primer closes on the call to mobilize and unite against all aspects of US-led war as the key strategy of the people to frustrate the plans of Trump's NSS.

Imperial decline rarely proceeds quietly. The second Trump regime's bluster of protectionist tariffs, coercive bilateral deals, and escalating military deployments come from its deeper crisis: an empire straining to preserve its dominance, but also accelerating the very forces of its decline. But it is not US imperialism that will destroy itself on its own. It is the people of the world, waging their mass campaigns against US invasions, bases, exercises, and other forms of aggression; taking to the streets, fields, communities, schools, seas, and countrysides to raise their collective voices militantly; holding strikes, walkouts, land reclamations, and other direct actions against the US war machine and its puppet armies; taking up the pen, the paintbrush, the camera, the megaphone, and even the gun to unify their people and eject every last remnant of US military and economic control from their land.

It is to the masses of people in every country, organizing through mass organizations, neighborhood and community associations, peasant cooperatives, tribal affiliations, political parties, liberation movements, and many other networks that make up our international united front for just and lasting peace, that this primer is written for and dedicated to in their strength, sacrifice, and eventual victory in the struggle against US-led war.

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West Asia/Middle East

The NSS says "America will always have core interests in ensuring that Gulf energy supplies do not fall into the hands of an outright enemy, that the Strait of Hormuz remain open, that the Red Sea remain navigable..." but also claims: "the days in which the Middle East dominated American foreign policy... are thankfully over."

Trump's rhetoric criticizes "forever wars," which may mean less direct involvement but continued fueling of genocides and destabilization. Unlike Biden's talk of a "rules-based order," Trump is explicit: if regimes bow to US interests, it does not matter what they do to their own people. The NSS still places Iran as the main enemy and Israel as the biggest ally, promoting the Abraham Accords. The US cannot actually withdraw because the people's resistance continues to fight for liberation and self-determination.



Europe Examples:

NATO Splits and the War in Ukraine: Since its founding, NATO has acted as an armed wing of US-led war and imperialism by mobilizing its 30 member states to unleash lethal military campaigns in the name of "collective defense, crisis management and cooperative security." NATO's drive for expansion comes at a time when Trump is threatening to withdraw the US from the alliance, member countries in Europe are facing severe economic crisis and political divisions, and their people are exerting pressure to force some countries to balk at the demands for increased spending and any deeper commitment to the failed proxy war in Ukraine. Trump's military deal making and fake attempts at peace have also been used in Ukraine, where Trump proposed an agreement to allow the US to share in future revenue earned from Ukraine's critical mineral reserves as "payback" for the US military aid fueling the war.

Re-Arm Europe, rise of Right Wing: The 2025 NATO summit was used to push for NATO members to increase their budgets for war to 5% of their GDP (paired with a plan for "defense industrial production" for the war corporations to rake in these contracts). The European Commission then launched "Re-Arm" Europe - to boost military spending to €800 billion for greater European defense industrial capacity and interoperability. Peoples anti-NATO protest movements are building, unions and mass movements have stood up against the genocide in Palestine, and there are militant actions against the weapons industry, especially in France, Germany and the UK.



What is the current situation of US-led war in the world

The many arms of US-led war are spread to all corners of the world, leading to many regional wars of aggression and direct US invasions and wars.

In West Asia, Zionist Israel continues to wage a war of genocide against the Palestinian people, undermining and violating the so called cease-fire every day since its signing in October 2025. The Zionist entity is kept alive by a near-endless supply of US funding while the US relies on it, along with its Gulf monarchy and Turkish allies, to use brute force to keep oil and natural gas flowing to the West. This led to violent regime change and ethnic cleansing in Syria in 2024, relentless bombing campaigns against Yemen since 2016, and direct US strikes on Iran through the US operation "Midnight Hammer" which gets the US one step further in its ultimate preparations for war with the Islamic Republic, the US's primary rival in the region. The many fronts of the Axis of Resistance throughout Palestine, Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran combine to keep the whole region from being torn apart by Zionist expansionism and other US proxies.

In Europe the US still wields the NATO alliance, albeit in a shaky relationship due to in-fighting over funding sources between the US and Europe, in its proxy war against Russia taking place in Ukraine as well as US expansionist aims to take over Greenland, leading to the rise of many pro-war fascist movements throughout Europe. The peace movement of the workers, migrants, and others continues to push back against NATO and the further war preparations against Russia led by the G7 powers.

Africa remains a target for vast amounts of resource plunder, giving the US's Africa Command the role that 19th and 20th Century European colonial powers and Western-backed apartheid states once had in maintaining a bastion of counter-revolution across the continent. The recent ejection of US and French bases from the Sahel states of Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso by anti-US governments has spooked the US into its age-old strategy of covertly supporting armed paramilitaries to try and violently reassert their influence. The genocidal proxy wars in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo have the US and its allies' hands in them, sometimes even supporting opposing sides, in a scramble for gold, oil, rare earth minerals, shipping lanes, strategic positions and political influence.



In Latin America, the US moved to direct intervention with Venezuela after years of hybrid warfare via economic sanctions and psychological warfare. This invasion, aimed at replacing elected president Nicolas Maduro with a puppet government to curb the influence of its rivals, China, Russia and Iran, in the region, led to the kidnapping of President Maduro and first combatant Cilia Flores as well as the death of over 100 Venezuelan and Cuban troops. The US is increasing its support for fascist puppets in the region, like Bukele in El Salvador and Milei in Argentina, while violently destabilizing Haiti through weapons shipments to anti-people paramilitary groups. This is paired with a fascist onslaught against mostly Central American migrants within its own borders. As the US continues to occupy Puerto Rico and use it as the tip of the spear of its invasion on Venezuela, US threatens further intervention against Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico and Colombia for their refusal to bow to imperialist dictates.

Ever since the US declared its so-called "Pivot to Asia" in 2012 to counter the rise of China, the US's primary front of militarization and war preparation has been the Asia and the Pacific. For it is in this region that US imperialism has been focusing its existential struggle for survival.

The so-called "Island Chain Strategy" has been a cornerstone of US militarization in the region. Callously reducing entire countries to simple pawns on a Pacific chessboard of war, the US has mapped out countries to act as forward outposts, missile stations, and supply routes in its aggression against China. At every part of these "Island Chains," people living near the US bases, radar systems, military drills, and stationing of weaponry are put in the line of fire for when war breaks out and are already bearing the brunt of the build up to war.

Even the Arctic and outer space are not spared from the competition for resource grabs and military positioning as the US spars with Russia and China over oil reserves, rare earth minerals, shipping routes, and satellite orbital space.

The massive amounts of military spending by the US, its allies and puppet states sucks dry public funds that should be providing healthcare, education, housing, and other infrastructure for the people.



Europe

The NSS claims: **"We want to support our allies in preserving the freedom and security of Europe, while restoring Europe's civilisational self-confidence and Western identity."**

"Our goal should be to help Europe correct its current trajectory. We will need a strong Europe to help us successfully compete, and to work in concert with us to prevent any adversary from dominating Europe."

Trump doubles down on Europe increasing its war capabilities, buying more weapons from the US war industry, not necessarily in a multilateral framework. Europe, as the US's greatest ally, has been in rapid decline, losing big shares of markets to the China-Russia axis. There are fractures in the Europe-US axis, as the US is pulling away from Europe both in investment and priority for security. Trump promotes a fascist, anti-migrant, European far-right conspiracy theory of the great replacement.



Examples Africa:

AES: President Trump's policies, particularly recent travel bans targeting Mali and Burkina Faso, have escalated tensions with Sahel states, prompting those nations and Niger (forming the Alliance of Sahel States - AES) to retaliate with their own bans on US citizens and seek closer ties with Russia, moving away from European neocolonial control, with the AES aiming for greater autonomy and security cooperation, challenging Western influence in the region

AFRICOM: As Europe's current neo-colonial relations are weakened, the US uses AFRICOM for counter-revolutionary control and violence on the continent to try to repress the peoples' struggles for liberation, while it tries to compete with Russian influence and Chinese development investments, to hold onto the US's foothold on the continent (46 US military installations of various types as well as military-to-military relations between 53 out of the 54 African countries and the United States)

Proxy Wars: Proxy conflicts in Sudan and the DRC show horrific massacres and genocidal violence that have taken hundreds of thousands of lives and displaced millions, creating widespread famine - rooted in colonial and foreign power resource grabbing with no regard to African life and sovereignty

At all corners of the globe the US led War Machine is bringing upon the people Massive land grabs, resource extraction, and wars for these resources leaving millions of people landless and struggling for basic necessities. Because of this plunder and endless war, people are forced to live in poverty with economies oriented to concentrate superprofits for the grossly rich billionaires, while the people get poorer and billions live on less than \$2 a day and billions of others face joblessness and under-employment. Hundreds of thousands are already dying directly in conflict, wars of counterinsurgency, military offensives causing genocide, mass displacement and forced famine. Those that are not yet part of direct conflict are seeing their anti-people governments expand war budgets, bases and troop deployments to conflict zones, a heightened naval presence in the South China Sea, Persian Gulf and Caribbean; large-scale, provocative military exercises with allies (e.g., in Korea) and independently, while openly discussing military options against sovereign countries like Iran and North Korea. And those who dare to resist are faced with increased fascism in the form of airstrikes and civilian casualties; strong-man style military operations; ICE and military deployment; a war on migrants and terror designation campaigns; US-backed fascist governments cracking down on their people as right-wing leaders force neoliberal economic policies of austerity.



ICE forces in minneapolis



Refugees displaced from conflict in Sudan



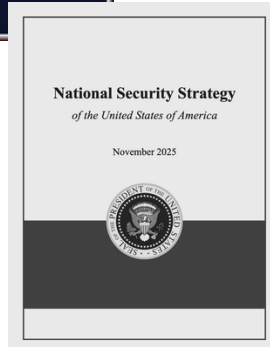
Israeli tanks in northern Syria

What is a National Security Strategy? The Global Context of Trump's NSS

The National Security Strategy (NSS) is a Presidential report to Congress outlining the US imperialist strategy and ambitions, cloaked in American exceptionalism: so-called "protecting its people, prosperity, and way of life by defining national interests, foreign policy goals, and the use of national power (military, economic, diplomatic) to counter threats and achieve objectives."

The current NSS is being released in a time of heightened competition between the US and its economic competitors in which the US has been steadily losing its zones of influence and markets, namely to Russia and China. Given the unorganized nature of the capitalist economy, driven to endless accumulation and profit rather than peoples needs and centralized planning, the most powerful imperialists will always look to seize the shackled land, resources, markets and labor power from the hands of their competitors for their own use. This quest to redivide the world and win the spoils of war has led to many proxy wars where rival imperialists have tried to hide their involvement. While these conflicts already cause great violence, instability, and displacement for people in the countries they occur, this rivalry also has the potential to turn regional wars of aggression into full-blown world war between the world's biggest economic and military powers in the direct clash for endless profit. This fact alone puts the workers, oppressed nations, and independent countries of the world into a natural united front for peace against genocide and possible nuclear annihilation.

In today's global geopolitical situation, three "fronts of US-Led war" have emerged, aimed at preserving sole US hegemony: the US-Western alliance including NATO for Eastern Europe against Russia; the US-Israel-Gulf-Turkish alliance against Iran; and an iron web of alliances in the Pacific including the Australia-UK-US (AUKUS), Japan-South Korea-US (JAKUS), Japan-Philippines-US (JAPHUS), and Japan-Australia-India-US (Quad) against China and the DPRK. At the same time, US-led war and aggression also operates all over Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. As always in war, it is the people, especially the working peoples of the world, who are gravely affected, not the government executives, military generals, bankers, business owners or weapons suppliers who profit.



Africa

The NSS advocates: **"The United States should transition from an aid-focused relationship with Africa to a trade- and investment-focused relationship... favoring partnerships with... states committed to opening their markets to US goods and services."**

For the African people this means expanding US monopoly capital influence in the continent by exploring cheap labor and in doing so gaining access to raw materials is aimed at helping the US regain and safeguard current influence and markets against Chinese investments, such as from the belt and road initiative, major Chinese mining companies, and energy firms, which means more overt exploitation by the US of the people of the African continent as well as deepening military control.



Examples: Asia Pacific

Island Chain Strategy: The US's main client state in the Asia Pacific, Japan, plays out the US aggressive strategy, including the new Prime Minister Takaichi recently claiming that the Chinese mainland's "use of force on Taiwan" could constitute a "survival-threatening situation" for Japan, while the US imposes over 130 US military bases and installations in Japan (Permanent bases and facilities: 84, Temporary facilities: 51). The military budget increase rests on Japan's National Security Strategy (NSS) formulated in 2022. Japan expanded its defense budget at the behest of the US. Reaching the 2% defense spending target was originally planned for 2027. However, the US compelled the Takaichi government to implement it ahead of schedule. This catapulted Japan to third place among the countries with the largest defense budgets in the world, following the US and China. In 2023, under Biden, Japan formed its own Free and Open Indo-Pacific plan to shape the strengthening of its military presence and expanding its influence in Asia.

South China Sea: In the Philippines, relentless "war games" and military base expansion has terrorized the local people, making them feel as if they are already living in a state of war. These bases facilitate operations characterized by war crimes and brutal counterinsurgency tactics, deploying a lawless military force that kills with impunity and destroys peasant farmlands using US-provided weapons, training and direct command and control. The nation's sovereignty is subverted to serve the interests of the US: it serves the broader "Island Chain" strategy, building-up of forces and supplies for a future, large-scale war. The people are drawing from their history of ousting the US military bases and rallying forces against the war games. The calls "US Troops Out of the Philippines" and "Junk the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement" demand genuine peace and sovereignty. The people's resistance prevents the AFP in the Philippines from fully making the islands a total launching pad for military operations.

Trump's NSS Principles (And What They Really Mean)

Trump's "America First," the basis of its economic and military strategy, asserts that the US wants to be the sole hegemon to attempt to keep the unipolar world order, a global power structure dominated by a single, unchallenged superpower, a hegemon, that holds sole dominance across military, economic, and cultural spheres. Its slogan of "Peace through Strength" really means "peace" as compliance with US orders. It relies on the most advanced and lethal military, using fascist, imperialist aggression to make countries bend to US imperialism. It represents all-out US violence and fascist terror for economic and political control in the context of the declining US empire.

While Biden's NSS used the language of a "rules-based order" and multilateralism, Trump's employs bilateral bargaining, open strong-arming, and openly fascist rhetoric. Both, however, serve the imperialist ruling class through the same coercive economic strategy.

The following are the so-called "principles" promoted in the Trump NSS. As Trump uses these phrases to promote US propaganda, fascist offensive and cultural war to appeal to its fascist mass base, it is important to clarify what these terms really mean:



The Truth Behind the Cover of “America First”:

- **“Migrants, Drugs and Security”:** This scapegoat for fascism combines the “war on drugs” and “war on terror” as excuses for US economic warfare via sanctions and direct intervention.
- **“Predisposition to Non-Interventionism”:** Trump’s campaign lie from Project 2025 to “stop the wars” has been cast aside and left with just thin public relations. Trump has expanded the US wars. His libertarian or “isolationist” framing of “America First” positions have been thrown out for neocon and fascist policies. His first term had record drone bombings and conventional bombings. His current term has promoted massive support for Zionist genocide, regime change wars and intervention. The “peace deals” are actually business deals for the sake of US elites.
- **“Fairness” / “Burden-Sharing and Burden-Shifting”:** This NSS continues the bullying of other countries to increase the percent of GDP for military spending and bolster military industrial contracts with the US. For example, Trump drove Japan to approve the highest military budget in their history towards reshaping their constitution to allow for greater military build up. Trump uses the inter-imperialist crisis and hypes up the threats of “Russia and China” against the West to get its “allies” who will implement its geopolitical agenda to invest more in the US’s military domination agenda in the Asia Pacific and Europe. The openly militaristic, authoritarian, and ideologically reactionary nature is barely hidden under the guise of “strategic realism,” as the Trump administration is now embracing a logic of unapologetic imperial dominance, fuelled by neo-fascist references, climate denial, and an explicit rejection of human rights and multilateralism.



Asia-Pacific

The NSS states: **“Preventing conflict requires a vigilant posture in the Indo-Pacific... and winning the economic and technological competition over the long term.”**

The United States “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” strategy is fundamentally designed to secure and extend American economic and military dominance throughout the region. This ambition is pursued by binding military and economic agreements with regional allies, and consistent pressure on these partners to increase their own defense spending. The goal is to forge a coalition of militaries that can protect US economic interests and supply chains, with greater American control and resilience. Underpinning “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” is a neo-colonial dynamic between the US and its satellite states, wherein nations like South Korea and the Philippines are encouraged to prepare their armed forces to fight and potentially die in a prospective conflict with China, effectively serving as frontline proxies to shield the American ruling class from the direct costs of war, all while advancing US strategic orders. Thus, the strategy consolidates a network of security and economic dependencies, positioning the region’s nations as instrumental bulwarks in a inter-imperialist confrontation orchestrated by the US.



Examples: Latin America

US offensive against Latin America and the Caribbean: The United States engages in a comprehensive campaign of hybrid warfare and regime change against Venezuela. US efforts to destabilize countries like Nicaragua and Cuba continue, seeking to undermine their sovereignty and support for regional solidarity. These ongoing destabilization campaigns aim to weaken these nations' resistance to imperialist pressures and disrupt their alliances, particularly with leftist governments and China. So-called "Wars on Gangs" by US puppet governments have killed thousands of land defenders and poor farmers to clear territory for mining interests, with the Trump administration now labeling some of these gangs as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Openly fascist heads of state such as Bukele in El Salvador and Milei in Argentina are emboldened to commit more human rights violations against opponents in the name of fighting gangs and terrorism. Trump has backed right-wing leaders in Honduras, Argentina, and Chile who comply with US plans for extraction and uses covert and overt means to promote right-wing leadership. Despite this relentless assault, the powerful resistance of the people across Latin America continues to defend their sovereignty and fight for a future free from foreign domination.

"Balance of Power": US imperialism knows it will become economically outmatched by China and has to find ways to defend its current markets and claw back its spheres of influence in other places. For example, China has now begun to develop a full-fledged export control regime, not just for rare earths but for a wide range of critical materials and technologies. US "balance of power" wars could look like controlling natural resources in Ukraine as an outcome of the US-NATO war against Russia, or threatening China by trying to interfere in Taiwan, a linchpin in the massive technology sector, and backing foreign paramilitary forces to control mineral extraction in the Democratic Republic of Congo etc. The only "balanced power" the US wants is American "full spectrum dominance" over its rivals and a reassertion of US control over resources

"Primacy of Nations" + "Sovereignty": Trump's notion of sovereignty exclusively serves US imperial interests, enabling the trampling of other nations' sovereignty. His regime has engaged in massive violations of sovereignty of other nations, including attacks on Venezuela, election interference, breaches of international law, complicity in genocide, and repeated attempts at regime change, not to mention the expansion of US military basing in countries like the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam, Kenya, and Indonesia. What distinguishes Trump's strategy is a preference to "go it alone," breaking from the multilateral, "rules-based order" upheld by previous administrations like Biden, Obama, and Bush, though these too were imperialist and responsible for horrific war crimes. Trump's approach involves fracturing countries (such as Sudan, the DRC, and Syria) and dismantling alliances to weaken collective unity, forcing bilateral "deals" that favor US interests. This tactic further isolates the United States internationally.

The Trump regime relies on puppet ruling-class leaders, or bureaucrat capitalists in semi-colonial countries, who willingly trade their nations' sovereignty for personal profit while advancing a US agenda.



Regional Analysis: US Plans and Impact on the People

What economic lies does the NSS project?

- Balanced Trade: Economic coercion, tariffs, bullying, sanctions.
- Securing Access to Critical Supply Chains and Materials: Plunder and inter-imperialist competition.
- Reindustrialization: Myths to try to win over working and middle classes.
- Reviving our Defense Industrial Base: War profiteering and building the US military for war in a multipolar world.
- Energy Dominance: Provoking wars for control of oil, minerals, trade routes and markets.
- Financial Sector Dominance: Complete domination of US capital, multi national corporations and investment over other countries, which glut the growth of national industry.



What does this mean for the people?

- A sharpened drive towards more wars.
- More fascist attacks due to lack of international accountability.
- More widespread plunder and economic crisis.
- Increased militarization, deployment, and military base expansion.
- Rise of right-wing, fascist regimes and suppression of democratic rights.
- Enforcing economic strangleholds and crisis.
- Use of right-wing governments to facilitate US military operations.

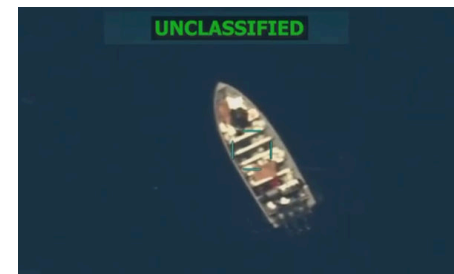
Western Hemisphere

The NSS declares: **"After years of neglect, the United States will reassert and enforce the Monroe Doctrine... deny non-Hemispheric competitors the ability to position forces... or to own or control strategically vital assets."**

Trump's so-called "reconsideration" of military presence in the Western Hemisphere is a return to the gunboat diplomacy that characterized US colonization of foreign nations at the end of the 19th century. It represents the same Biden-Obama strategy but with more brute force, far more desperate implementation, and without even the facade of respecting US alliances. Obama, Biden, and Bush each pursued, and enacted in places like Honduras and Haiti, regime change in Latin America to weaken their rivals' influence in the region.

China is now South America's largest trading partner and the second largest for the overall Latin American and the Caribbean region. Trump is pushing a so-called "commercial diplomacy," using direct military threats and actions towards Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico, and other countries to try to force rivals out of the territory and eliminate popular resistance and independent governments. In other cases, it co-opts the fascist ruling classes in allied countries to push the US economic agenda through economic bribes or force.

This is coupled with domestic repression inside the US, including escalated attacks on migrants, murders, mass detention and deportation by ICE, military deployment, arrests, harassment, and state violence against the US working class. Trump also makes threats of territorial grabs and military aggression against Greenland, Mexico, and Canada.



Venezuelan fishing vessels targeted as "narcoterrorists" by Trump military strikes, September 2025
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US military and Coast Guard ships as seen near Port-au-Prince on February 3, 2026.
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