

## **White House Fact Sheet on 2015 National Security Strategy**

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### **Fact Sheet: [The 2015 National Security Strategy](#)**

Today, the United States is stronger and better positioned to seize the opportunities of a still new century and safeguard our interests against the risks of an insecure world. The President's new *National Security Strategy* provides a vision and strategy for advancing the nation's interests, universal values, and a rules-based international order through *strong and sustainable American leadership*. The strategy sets out the principles and priorities that describe how America will lead the world toward greater peace and a new prosperity.

- We will **lead with purpose**, guided by our enduring national interests and values and committed to advancing a balanced portfolio of priorities worthy of a great power.
- We will **lead with strength**, harnessing a resurgent economy, increased energy security, an unrivaled military, and the talent and diversity of the American people.
- We will **lead by example**, upholding our values at home and our obligations abroad.
- We will **lead with capable partners**, mobilizing collective action and building partner capacity to address global challenges.
- We will **lead with all instruments of U.S. power**, leveraging our strategic advantages in diplomacy, development, defense, intelligence, science and technology, and more.
- We will **lead with a long-term perspective**, influencing the trajectory of major shifts in the security landscape today in order to secure our national interests in the future.

**We will advance the security of the United States, its citizens, and U.S. allies and partners by:**

- Maintaining a national defense that is the best trained, equipped, and led force in the

world while honoring our promises to service members, veterans, and their families.

- Working with Congress to end the draconian cuts imposed by sequestration that threaten the effectiveness of our military and other instruments of power.
- Reinforcing our homeland security to keep the American people safe from terrorist attacks and natural hazards while strengthening our national resilience.
- Transitioning to a sustainable global security posture that combines our decisive capabilities with local partners and keeps pressure on al-Qa'ida, ISIL, and their affiliates.
- Striving for a world without nuclear weapons and ensuring nuclear materials do not fall into the hands of irresponsible states and violent non-state actors.
- Developing a global capacity to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to biological threats like Ebola through the Global Health Security Agenda.
- Confronting the urgent crisis of climate change, including through national emissions reductions, international diplomacy, and our commitment to the Green Climate Fund.

**We will advance a strong, innovative, and growing U.S. economy in an open international economic system that promotes opportunity and prosperity by:**

- Strengthening American energy security and increasing global access to reliable and affordable energy to bolster economic growth and development worldwide.
- Opening markets for U.S. goods, services, and investment and leveling the playing field for American workers and businesses to boost our economic competitiveness.
- Advancing a trade agenda – including the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership – that creates good American jobs and shared prosperity.
- Leading efforts to reduce extreme poverty, food insecurity, and preventable deaths with initiatives such as Feed the Future and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.
- Proving new sustainable development models like the President's Power Africa Initiative.

**We will advance respect for universal values at home and around the world by:**

- Holding ourselves to the highest possible standard by living our values at home even as

we do what is necessary to keep our people safe and our allies secure.

- Promoting and defending democracy, human rights, and equality while supporting countries such as Tunisia and Burma that are transitioning from authoritarianism.
- Empowering future leaders of government, business, and civil society around the world, including through the President's young leaders initiatives.
- Leading the way in confronting the corruption by promoting adherence to standards of accountable and transparent governance.
- Leading the international community to prevent and respond to human rights abuses and mass atrocities as well as gender-based violence and discrimination against LGBT persons.

**We will advance an international order that promotes peace, security, and opportunity through stronger cooperation to meet global challenges by:**

- Working with partners to reinforce and update the rules of the road, norms, and institutions that are foundational to peace, prosperity, and human dignity in the 21st century.
- Strengthening and growing our global alliances and partnerships, forging diverse coalitions, and leading at the United Nations and other multilateral organizations.
- Rebalancing to Asia and the Pacific through increased diplomacy, stronger alliances and partnerships, expanded trade and investment, and a diverse security posture.
- Strengthening our enduring commitment to a free and peaceful Europe by countering aggression and modernizing the NATO alliance to meet emerging threats.
- Pursuing a stable Middle East and North Africa by countering terrorism, preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and reducing the underlying sources of conflict.
- Building upon the success of the U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit by investing in Africa's economic, agricultural, health, governance, and security capacity.
- Promoting a prosperous, secure, and democratic Western Hemisphere by expanding integration and leveraging a new opening to Cuba to expand our engagement.