

# Presidential Candidates' Defense Initiatives and Reform

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump Defense Initiatives and Reform Agenda

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# Donald Trump Released Seven Core Defense Principles Outlining an America First Policy




## Donald Trump’s Seven Core Defense Principles

		Major Goal/Initiative
	# 1	American interests come first
	#2	Maximum firepower and military preparedness
	#3	Only go to war to win
	#4	Stay loyal to your friends and suspicious of your enemies

Source: Council on Foreign Relations, “Donald Trump: On the Issues,” August 2016; Noun Project: Joa Santos, Marat, Milky-Digital Innovation.

# Trump Emphasizes Strategic Investment to Deal With Unforeseen Threats and Less Forward Presence

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		Major Goal
	#5	Keep the technological sword razor sharp
	#6	See the unseen
	# 7	Prepare for threats before they materialize

Source: Council on Foreign Relations, “Donald Trump: On the Issues,” August 2016; Donald Trump, “Time to Get Tough: Making America #1 Again,” Regnery Publishing Inc., 2011.Noun Project: Carin Marazo, Yeoul Kwan, Carla Dias.

# Hillary Clinton’s Defense Policy Wants to Maintain Military Spending to Sustain Military Presence Abroad

## Main Hillary Clinton Defense Initiatives



**Greater Budget Certainty to Ensure Key Investments**



**Reform Acquisition To Create Saving**



**Adopt Force of the Future Initiatives to Sustain “All-Volunteer Forces”**



**Continue U.S. Engagement Abroad**



**Reinforce Alliances to Ensure Global Stability**



**Invest In Information Technology and ISR to Maintain Military Edge**

Source: Hillary Clinton, “Military and Defense,” August 2016; Jim Garamone, “Carter Details Force of the Future Initiatives,” *DodNews*, November 8, 2015; Noun Project: Gira Park, Maico Amorim, Ted Grajeda; Ben Iconator, Yeoul Kwan.

# Given Flat Defense Spending, Experts Have Outlined Five Main Defense Strategies






## Five Main Defense Strategies In Budget Environment

	Strategy	Major Goals
	Global Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeks to balance global military presence; <b>Obama’s current strategy</b></li> <li>Overall goal is to maintain global stability and shape security environment to mitigate any threats</li> </ul>
	Asia-Pacific Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter China, the U.S.’s greatest long term threat</li> <li>Focus on bolstering strategic partnerships in Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>Invest more heavily in maritime and air forces</li> </ul>
	Europe Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter Russia, the greatest near-to-medium term threat to the U.S.</li> <li>Reinvigorate NATO alliance through greater U.S. forward troop presence</li> <li>Invest more heavily in ground forces to counteract potential Russian ground invasion</li> </ul>
	Combating Islamic Extremists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter Islamic extremists organizations emanating primarily from the Middle East and North African (MENA) region</li> <li>Eliminate terrorist sanctuaries, destroy ISIL, and mitigate homeland threats</li> <li>Invest more heavily in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR)</li> </ul>
	Great Power Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on countering major great power threats like China and Russia</li> <li>Pull back U.S. forces abroad and limit U.S. forward troop presence</li> <li>Invest in R&amp;D to maintain technological edge, while maintaining surge capacity to block great power movements</li> </ul>

Source: Mark Cancian and Clark Murdock, “Alternative Defensive Strategies In a Cost-Capped Environment,” CSIS, January 2016; Noun Project: Ted Grajeda, Luis Prado, Heath Poh Lin.

# Clinton Favors A More Engaged Defense Policy, While Trump Favors Investment and Combatting Terrorism







## Defense Strategies Candidates Will Most Likely Favor and Would Enact

	Strategy	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump
	Global Engagement	✗	
	Asia-Pacific Engagement	✗	
	Europe Engagement		
	Combating Islamic Extremists		✗
	Great Power Competition		✗

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# Clinton Favors Air and Naval Investments While Trump Will Invest More in ISR, R&D, and Long Range Capabilities

Where Clinton and Trump Will Invest Based Off of Favored Strategies

	Strategy	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump
	Ground Forces	(Continued small scale, incremental investment in Europe)	
	Air and Aerospace	✗	
	Naval Capabilities	✗	
	ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) and Drones	(Continued smaller scale Investment)	✗
	R&D (Research and Development)		✗
	Nuclear Deterrence and Long Range Projection	(Continue Obama's nuclear modernization efforts)	✗

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