

National Defense Strategy Capability Development Approach

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National Defense Strategy

- **Prioritize China and Russia**
 - Address North Korea, Iran, Terrorism
- **Maintain favorable regional balance of power in key theaters**

Operational Dynamics

- **Problem: Eroding military advantage vis-à-vis China and Russia**
 - Undermines ability to deter aggression and coercion in key regions
- **Solution: Combat-credible forward forces**
 - Blunt adversary aggression

Attributes of Future Force

- **Lethal:** destroy massed enemy forces in contested domains from outset of conflict
- **Resilient:** sustain operations while under sophisticated multi-domain attacks
- **Agile:** move quickly and unpredictably
- **Ready:** fight on short or no notice

Priority Capabilities

- Nuclear forces
- Space and cyberspace as warfighting domains
- Command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR)
- Missile defense
- Joint lethality in contested environments
- Forward force maneuver and posture resilience
- Advanced autonomous systems
- Resilient and agile logistics

Approach

“Success no longer goes to the country that develops a new technology first, but rather to the one that better integrates it and adapts its way of fighting.”

- 2018 National Defense Strategy