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## SPECIAL EDITION: Biden's National Security Strategy

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#### **What Grade Does Biden's National Security Strategy Get?**

TVC Sr. Policy Director Amanda Rothschild & Advisory Board Member Matthew Kroenig (with Paul D. Miller & Jeff Cimmino) | Atlantic Council | October 14, 2022

**Bottom Line:** While the new National Security Strategy correctly identifies China as the foremost threat facing the United States, there exists a significant gap between the document's ambitions and the resources the administration has allocated to pursue them.

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#### **Biden's Rather Rhetorical National Strategy**

Washington Examiner Editorial Board | October 15, 2022

**Bottom Line:** While the president's National Security Strategy is long on lofty pledges and hat tips to Democrats' domestic political priorities, it is short on practical decisions and investments to advance the nation's strategic interests in a dangerous world.

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## Why Biden's National Security Strategy is Destined to Fail

TVC Advisory Board Member Mackenzie Eaglen | 1945 | October 17, 2022

**Bottom Line:** If the Biden administration's past budget submissions are any indication, the NSS may simply be aspirational. The new strategy is based on the false premise that America's military power "continues to grow"; however, the White House's defense budgets have both grossly underfunded military procurement & readiness.

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## Biden's New National Security Strategy: A Lot of Trump, Very Little Obama

David Adesnik | Foreign Policy | October 17, 2022

**Bottom Line:** When a Democratic administration offers a foreign policy diagnosis that aligns so fully with the views of its Republican predecessor—and is so different from that of the last Democratic White House—it indicates a sea change in U.S. thinking.

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## In U.S. Security Strategy, China 'Only Competitor', India Key Partner

Shubajit Roy | The Indian Express | October 14, 2022

**Bottom Line:** As the U.S. enters what National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan calls the 'decisive decade' in competition with China, India stands out as a key democratic ally & major economy in the Indo-Pacific. Indo-American cooperation both bilaterally and within the Quad & G7 will greatly benefit both countries.

**Further Reading:** [China Accuses U.S. of 'Cold War Thinking' in Security Strategy](#)

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## Towards a Biden Doctrine: U.S. National Interest or Global Commitment?

Peter Jones | Royal United Services Institute | September 24, 2022

**Bottom Line:** President Biden has been keen to present a cooperative picture of U.S. engagement and leadership on global challenges; however, it takes effort to reconcile his rhetoric with a bevy of decisions clearly made to U.S. benefit at the expense of allies.

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