

Trump's National Security Strategy (NSS)

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It's a work in progress, yet to be released. Prepared by Trump's national security team, it's nearing completion, expected out soon.

It's designed as a blueprint for administration foreign policy. Sources familiar with it call it "hard-nosed" and "realistic."

Reportedly, it'll focus more on protecting the homeland than strategies of previous administrations – despite the nation facing no threats except ones it invents as pretexts for endless wars of aggression.

It'll stress economic competitiveness, America first, calling it a national security imperative, especially regarding Sino/US relations.

Trump mistakenly believes Beijing steals American jobs. US corporations offshore them to China and other low-wage countries for greater profits, notably over the past few decades.

Blame them and US economic policies, not foreign nations for what's going on, hollowing out America, most domestic jobs largely low-wage/low or no benefits service ones today – world's different from when the US was a manufacturing powerhouse, no longer.

Trump's NSS reportedly will also stress increasing technological and cyber threats, including Russia's hybrid warfare capabilities and advances in the militarization of space.

On December 3 at the Reagan National Defense Forum, **National Security Advisor HR McMaster** hinted at what his NSS will contain, saying:

It'll represent "a dramatic rethinking of American foreign policy from previous decades."

"Today as we approach the unveiling of the Trump administration's national security strategy, we are at a...crossroads" similar to Reagan's "rethinking of America's role in the world and a dramatic renewal of American confidence."

Paul Craig Roberts served as Reagan's Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic

Policy – no one in Washington like him today, not at Treasury or any other branch of government.

He explained

"(t)he Cold War was a time when leaders focused on reducing tensions between nuclear powers" – world's apart from current US policies, hugely dangerous ones, recklessly challenging Russia and China, risking unthinkable nuclear war.

Roberts explained JFK "worked with Khrushchev to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis." Nixon "negotiated SALT I" and the ABM treaty, along with opening China, major constructive policies.

SALT II came under **Jimmy Carter.** Reagan and Gorbachev ended the Cold War. World tensions were easing under these leaders.

Today they're heading toward spinning out-of-control, beginning in the neoliberal 90s with the Gulf War and rape of Yugoslavia, accelerated post-9/11 by Bush/Cheney, Obama and Trump.

US foreign policy features endless imperial wars, all sovereign independent countries threatened.

Russia and China are the final obstacles to be overcome for Washington to achieve unchallenged global dominance – perhaps nuclear war on both countries the strategy to accomplish its objective.

Madness under bipartisan neocons defines America's agenda, undemocratic Dems as bloodthirsty as Republicans.

Obama waged wars of aggression on seven nations threatening no one, supported by cheerleading media scoundrels.

Trump escalated what he began, threatening new conflicts against North Korea and Iran. Claiming a nonexistent "Russian threat" is part of gaining public acceptance for unthinkable war on the country.

McMaster turned truth on its head, claiming Russia and China are "revisionist powers subverting the post-WW II political and security orders" at our expense.

Both countries seek cooperative relations with all other nations. They're not advancing their own interests at the expense of America, as McMaster falsely claimed.

Nor are North Korea and Iran. Neither country threatens its neighbors. Nor do they violate their sovereignty or export terror, as McMaster claimed – US specialties, not theirs.

Saying ISIS and other jihadist groups "threaten all civilized people in every corner of the world," McMaster failed to explain Washington created them for use as imperial foot soldiers in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere.

America is a pariah state, losing, not gaining influence, perpetually at war, disdaining peace,

Trump's NSS a policy agenda for more of the same.

Possible catastrophic US nuclear war against one or more countries is ominously real. If launched, we all may be doomed.

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