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