



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second issue of Volume 6 of National Institute's online *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication. This issue's "Analysis" section includes five thoughtful articles, including a co-authored analysis by Madelyn Creedon, Eric S. Edelman, Franklin C. Miller, Vipin Narang and Keith B. Payne. Additional articles are by Keith Payne; Christopher Ford; Michaela Dodge and Michael Hochberg; and Chris Williams. The first three pieces discuss U.S. nuclear deterrence policy and posture, including the need for credible nuclear capabilities and for tailoring U.S. deterrence strategies to take into account U.S. adversaries' unique characteristics. The fourth piece discusses how the history of arms control can help the United States navigate proposals for artificial intelligence arms control today. Finally, Chris Williams provides an analysis of Iranian threats to the U.S. homeland.

This issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* also includes proceedings from National Institute's regular online symposia, or "webinars," moderated by David Trachtenberg. These proceedings reflect the views of subject matter experts who participated in four different symposia held in January, February, March, and April 2026. The topics covered included: "The Coming War in America"; "Assessing the National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy"; "Ending the Threat from Iran: Post-Operation Epic Fury"; and "Cyber Threats and the New Cyber Strategy for America."

The "Literature Review" includes two reviews. The first, by Michaela Dodge, examines *The Art of Military Innovation: Lessons from the Israel Defense Forces*, by Edward Luttwak and Eithan Shamir. The book discusses the success and speed of the Israel Defense Forces in implementing innovations. The second review, by David Trachtenberg, discusses Herman Pirchner, Jr. and Ilan Berman's book *The New Imperialists: How China, Russia and Iran are Trying to Remake the World*, in which the authors analyze the historical and cultural roots that motivate Chinese, Russian and Iranian aggressive behavior for the purpose of developing a sounder U.S. foreign and defense policy.

The "Documentation" section includes select excerpts from the March 17, 2026 testimony of Assistant Secretary of War (ND-CBD) Robert Kadlec before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces hearing on Fiscal Year 2027 Strategic Forces Posture; select excerpts from March 17, 2026 U.S. Strategic Command Commander Richard A. Correll's statement before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Posture; select excerpts from this year's *Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community*; and a February 23, 2026 statement by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Christopher Yeaw to the Conference on Disarmament.

Finally, this issue's "From the Archive" section presents President George W. Bush's *Remarks Announcing the United States Withdrawal From the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty* on December 13, 2001; and President George H. W. Bush's *Address to the Nation on Reducing United States and Soviet Nuclear Weapons* on September 27, 1991. Both speeches reflected hopes and expectations of a different, ultimately more benign, strategic environment than what has transpired in the years since they were given.

As always, we seek to bring you, our readers, a variety of informative and thought-provoking commentaries and analyses relevant to today's most critical national security issues. We hope this issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* meets your expectations and that you find value in the pages that follow. Above all, we thank you for your interest in and support of the Institute's work.

