

# NATIONAL SECURITY PRINCIPLES



Our first responsibility as Members of Congress is to provide for the common defense and general welfare of our nation. As New Democrats, we recognize that the United States and its allies are safest when Congress exercises its duties and authority in guiding foreign and national security policy.

The New Democrat Coalition is committed to smart power, including a comprehensive national security. This means investing in a broad array of military, diplomatic, foreign aid, intelligence, and economic priorities to ensure the United States retains its role as a global leader in the 21st century.

## PROTECTING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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- Invest in the sustainment, modernization, and operation of our military to ensure that the United States maintains our technological and strategic edge over our adversaries.
- Strengthen America's critical infrastructure through cyber awareness, resilience, and intelligence so all facets of American life – civilian, military and business – are prepared to defend against attacks that threaten our safety, privacy, and prosperity.

## PRIORITIZING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

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- Reinforce the United States' commitment to the international order that has guided the world since World War II and allowed us to share the burden of security arrangements.
- Strengthen our regional commitments – and our alliances and partnerships – with a global posture that is ready to lead in the new era of great-power competition, as well as form new alliances in the regions.

## PROMOTING AMERICAN VALUES AND DEMOCRACY

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- Counter malicious efforts and propaganda at home and abroad that undermines election security, democratic values and processes.
- Build a culture of national service and cross-regional integration here at home as a foundation for our efforts abroad. Healing rifts at home is a prerequisite for strength overseas.

## INVESTING IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

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- Address our debts, deficits, and growing inequality in a responsible manner to ensure we have the long-term resources to fund our domestic and international priorities.
- Develop a diverse and skilled workforce to ensure we have the capacity to compete in the global market.