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Honest Candor

The Dangers of Absolute Power

TVC Advisory Board Member Zack Cooper | Channel News Asia | October 29, 2022

Bottom Line: Washington's new national security strategy has been carefully crafted, but the document hosts a number of inherent tensions. First and foremost is the inadvisability of putting democracy at the center of a strategy that is increasingly Asia-focused.

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Power and Prudence: 300 Years On, Alexander Hamilton's Advice to a Young Republic Navigating Tyrannical Regimes Still Rings True

TVC Board Member Gabriel Scheinmann | American Purpose | October 24, 2022

Bottom Line: As Hamilton argued, our foreign policy ought to preserve, protect, and advance the American experiment of republican liberty from the divisive intentions of despotic world powers. What makes America exceptional is, in turn, what China fears.

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Could America Win a New World War?

Thomas G. Mahnken | Foreign Affairs | October 27, 2022

Bottom Line: To avoid a hot war between the great powers, policymakers must start working now to expand America's defense industrial base, lay in new stockpiles of munitions, and develop new operational concepts. Preparation is the best deterrent.

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The TikTok National Security Threat

Paul Szoldra | The Ruck | October 27, 2022

Bottom Line: From censoring videos that Beijing doesn't like to collecting users' biometric data to logging keystrokes across their devices, TikTok has a long history of dangerous and suspect practices that put Americans under the sway of the CCP.

Further Reading: [Every State But One Uses Federally Banned Foreign Tech](#)

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Big Tech's National Security Red Herring

Michael Ellis & Kara Frederick | The Heritage Foundation | October 27, 2022

Bottom Line: Policymakers should be wary of big tech companies' argument that they are "national champions" who will help the U.S. win great power competition—especially when those companies are deeply entangled with the Chinese Communist Party.

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