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## 2010 NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

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*"The international order we seek is one that can resolve the challenges of our times -- countering violent extremism and insurgency; stopping the spread of nuclear weapons and securing nuclear materials; combating a changing climate and sustaining global growth; helping countries feed themselves and care for their sick; preventing conflict and healing wounds. If we are successful in these tasks, that will lessen conflicts around the world."*  
-- [Remarks by the President at U.S. Military Academy at West Point Commencement, May 22, 2010](#)



On May 27, 2010 the White House released [the President's 2010 National Security Strategy](#) which defines the foreign policy goals of Obama administration in broad terms, and blends Obama's world view with the realities of the world as it is. The National Security Strategy lays out a strategic approach for advancing American interests, including the security of the American people, a growing U.S. economy, support for American values, and an international order that can address 21st century challenges.

[Read the 2010 National Security Strategy](#)

[PDF format; 1.52MB; 60 pages]

## NATIONAL SECURITY PRIORITY



[Remarks by Secretary Clinton on the Obama Administration's National Security Strategy](#) (May 27, 2010) - "This is a comprehensive national security strategy that integrates our strengths here at home, our commitment to homeland security, our national defense, and our foreign policy. In a nutshell, this strategy is about strengthening and applying American leadership to advance our national interests and to solve shared problems. We do this against the backdrop of a changed and always changing global landscape and a difficult inheritance: two wars, a struggling economy, reduced credibility abroad, international institutions buckling under the weight of systemic changes, and so much more." [Read the full transcript](#) | [Watch video](#).



[Remarks by President Obama at U.S. Military Academy at West Point Commencement](#) (May 22, 2010) - "And we will commit ourselves to forever pursuing a more perfect union. Together with our friends and allies, America will always seek a world that extends these rights so that when an individual is being silenced, we aim to be her voice. Where ideas are suppressed, we provide space for open debate. Where democratic institutions take hold, we add a wind at their back. When humanitarian disaster strikes, we extend a hand. Where human dignity is denied, America opposes poverty and is a source of opportunity. That is who we are. That is what we do." [Read the full transcript](#).

## ADVANCING AMERICAN INTERESTS

[Actions in Support of the President's National Security Strategy](#) (May 27, 2010) - Since the Obama Administration took office, it has been working with key partners around the world – including in the Gulf, Africa, Asia, and Europe – against al-Qa’ida and its extremist affiliates who remain intent on conducting further attacks against the Homeland and against U.S. interests around the globe.

[Diplomacy and Development Critical to National Security](#) (May 28, 2010) - Every president since Harry Truman has developed a national security strategy, and while they tend to build on the work of previous administrations, each president also seeks to carve out his mark on U.S. foreign policy and global relations while shaping an international agenda that reflects his goals.

[Security through Peace and Cooperation](#) (May 27, 2010) - A significant characteristic of Obama’s approach to foreign affairs during his first 16 months in the White House — and emphasized in the new security strategy — is engagement through negotiation, and persuasion rather than confrontation.

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