

Biden to prevail due to a number of reasons

Divided Government ahead

FYDP to stay level: pressures to cut or grow will neutralize each other

Priorities:

- 1) Staff DoD appropriately
 - 2) Overall readiness. Uncertainty of world events demand investment
 - 3) Investment in drone and counter-drone capabilities. Ukraine is showing importance of this technology in modern warfare; we have capability gaps that need to be filled. Ukraine has shown that with adequate C5ISR, pK can be high (e.g. USS CARNEY), but what happens if our networks become susceptible to jamming?
- Still stuck in Cold War paradigm, which we've never had to engage. Old way was high-end, high-cost platforms, large formations. Industry needs to lead way to lower cost (SpaceX example) ... push the envelope to lower costs; become comfortable again with failure in R&D; encourage political top-cover for failures
 - o Different environments demand different capabilities and cost reductions approaches (Europe vs. WESTPAC). Thinks China first may be too belligerent, may be a bit overdone.
 - o Rethink which technologies are worth pursuing? DoD Budget should not be proving ground for other social goods, needs to focus on core capabilities.
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