POST-COLD WAR ERA HAS ENDED

The interregnum between the old and new world disorders is marked by increasingly dangerous military, economic and high-tech confrontations among nuclear-armed countries.

The U.S. National Strategy makes planning for possible wars against Russia and China the Pentagon’s new priority. China’s influence is growing across the Asia-Pacific and Eurasia. Russia is again asserting itself as a great power. Creation of a unified and independent military European Union military has begun. Wars and competition for regional hegemony continue across the greater Middle East. And we face an “Indo-Pacific” strategic competition. When peace movements have had success in the past, they have been part of broader movements addressing the deeper forces driving militarism and war. Those same forces generate a variety of other injustices and dangers, including growing disparities in wealth, disappearing democracy, xenophobic nationalisms, and destruction of the ecosystems we all depend on.

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