

Can the Indo-Pacific Serve as the Foundation for American Grand Strategy in the 21st Century?



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The Indo-Pacific region has emerged as a pivotal theater of international relations in the 21st century. As the world's center of gravity shifts eastward, the Indo-Pacific region is becoming increasingly important for global trade, security, and stability.

The United States has long recognized the importance of the Indo-Pacific region. In 2011, the Obama administration announced its "pivot to Asia," a strategic shift to focus on the Asia-Pacific region. The Trump administration continued this focus, and in 2017, the Trump administration adopted the term "Indo-Pacific" to refer to the region stretching from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

The Biden administration has also emphasized the importance of the Indo-Pacific region. In its 2022 National Security Strategy, the Biden administration identified the Indo-Pacific region as one of the "four key regions" for U.S. foreign policy.

There are a number of reasons why the Indo-Pacific region is so important for American grand strategy. First, the Indo-Pacific region is home to some of the world's most populous countries, including China, India, and Indonesia. These countries are major economic powers, and their economic growth is driving the growth of the global economy.

Second, the Indo-Pacific region is a major maritime trade route. The vast majority of the world's trade passes through the Indo-Pacific region, and this trade is essential for the global economy.

Third, the Indo-Pacific region is a region of great strategic importance. The region is home to a number of potential flashpoints, including the Taiwan Strait, the Korean Peninsula, and the South China Sea. These flashpoints

could lead to conflict between the United States and China, and such a conflict could have a devastating impact on the global economy.

Given the importance of the Indo-Pacific region, it is essential for the United States to have a clear and coherent grand strategy for the region. This grand strategy should be based on the following principles:

- **Promote economic prosperity.** The United States should work with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region to promote economic growth and development. This will help to create a more stable and prosperous region, which will benefit the United States and its allies.
- **Maintain security and stability.** The United States should work with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region to maintain security and stability in the region. This includes deterring aggression from China and other potential adversaries, and working to resolve disputes peacefully.
- **Promote democracy and human rights.** The United States should work with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region to promote democracy and human rights. This will help to create a more just and humane world, and it will also help to strengthen the bonds between the United States and its allies.

The Indo-Pacific region is a complex and challenging region, but it is also a region of great opportunity. The United States has a vital interest in the Indo-Pacific region, and it is essential for the United States to have a clear and coherent grand strategy for the region. By working with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region, the United States can help to promote economic prosperity, maintain security and stability, and promote democracy and human rights.



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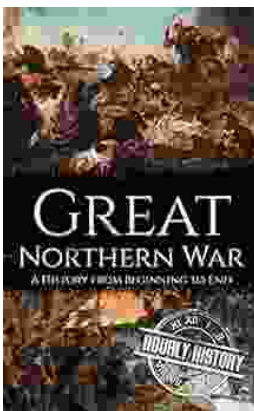
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