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In today’s complex geopolitical situation, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has risen numerous questions marks about the future of the United States and its global role. Moreover, there is a growing talk among so-called experts from the Far East that the American hegemony has reached is the culmination and that there is a strong expectation for the decline of the so-called American power. However, there is one key element that is somewhat undermined by these opinion-makers. And that is the U.S Army and its domination on a global scale. Therefore, in this article, we will analyze why the U.S Army will Ensure that America’s Superpower status will remain intact despite the challenges in the post-pandemic world.

### **Emerging Challenges and the Need for New Strategy?**

In order to better understand the reasoning behind this paper, it is imperative to analyze the challenges that the U.S Army is facing.

The reality is that the U.S enjoyed global military domination since the end of World War II. However, there are several emerging threats on the horizon such as the Emerging powers from the East and militant terror groups trying to take advantage of the fact that certain territories have not been governed properly.

At the same time, there is a broad change in other security threats including cyberattacks, disinformation, climate change, disease outbreaks such as COVID-19, economic dominance from the Far East and so on. Although these are nonmilitary issues, it seems that a strong U.S Army is the main prerequisite for a successful counter-strategy. This is contrary to what certain experts claim that the United States should be not maintaining a large fighting force thousands of miles from U.S. shores. After all, that is expensive, unwieldy and anachronistic in their eyes. Yet, this is perception does not correlate with the reality on the global scene. After all, diplomacy works only if you have a strong arsenal behind you as a deterrence tool.

However, it is important to emphasize that the U.S Military will need to adopt certain strategies in order to be more competitive when it comes to these new emerging challenges. For instance, the ability to deal with pandemics, climate chaos, artificial intelligence and 5G are the key segments for American national security. Yet that also means maintaining the global presence of the U.S military

### **The Role of the U.S Military Veterans**

The second notable aspect is closely related to the increased presence of veterans in the Pentagon, the U.S Congress and the U.S Senate. On that note, it is important to emphasize that there is a growing trend that a significant number of military veterans are getting involved in these institutions. The benefits are tremendous. To be more specific, these former servicemen have the “know-how” moment. Moreover, they have experience on the battlefield and they have experienced the challenges the U.S servicemen are facing on daily basis.

Another notable aspect is the fact that these American patriots are driven by their loyalty and service to the United States of America. The U.S will be better off with a broader draw of future leaders who embrace service-above-self as more than an abstraction. Furthermore, the prospect

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of spending years in the nation’s uniform is a classic mark of willingness to serve even more and to contribute more.

Therefore, the potential for an increased presence of military veterans in the Pentagon, and in the U.S Congress and Senate can have a galvanizing effect on the tactical and strategic readiness of the U.S Military. Thus in return will be a valuable asset that will optimize the process of maintaining the U.S military strong and prepared for the future challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Physical Presence is Physical Presence**

The thesis is that the United States can still secure its national and global interests by simply adapting to the new security challenges. Moreover, the claim that this can be achieved by reducing the size of the U.S Military simply does not make any logical and tactical sense. On the contrary, for the United States to counter the major traditional military threats as well as intense competition from global foes in China and Russia, it is imperative to maintain a strong and large force.

At the same time, the potential for additional American adversaries in Iran and North Korea should not be underestimated. To be more specific, the potential to develop nuclear weapons is real and can have long term negative consequences.

Also, maintaining a strong force overseas in a different part of the world is not an outdated post World War II doctrine but rather a strategic model that can ensure the United States will not ignore a problem until it comes to our doorstep.

Moreover, maintaining a strong presence overseas regardless if it is in Germany or Italy, is just another way that demonstrates American resolve to defend allies and, chiefly, itself.

Therefore, it is not a coincidence that many U.S Military veterans that assumed the role of policymakers or senior military officials agree that the large overseas military presence can enhance the concept of strategic deterrence. At the same time, it will enable the U.S to mount a strong military reaction and response regarding the crisis in many challenging regions in the world. Therefore, it is safe to say that physics is physics and the U.S needs to stay close to the problem.

### **The Bottom Line**

On a final note, we can conclude that the United States is facing numerous challenges that can undermine its national and global interests. And some of them have the potential to undermine the prospect of American hegemony as well. However, based on the findings above, it is safe to say that the U.S Military represents the main pillar that will ensure the status of the U.S as the world superpower to remain in the foreseeable future.