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Global Trends 2040: A More Contested World

U.S. National Intelligence Council Releases Global Trends Report for new administration

8 April 2021 – Washington, DC, USA – The National Intelligence Council (NIC) today released the seventh edition of its quadrennial Global Trends report. **Global Trends 2040: A More Contested World** is an unclassified assessment of the forces and dynamics that the NIC anticipates are likely to shape the national security environment over the next 20 years.

Global Trends 2040 identifies four structural forces that will shape the future – demographics, the environment, economics, and technology – and assesses how they affect decisions and outcomes. It further describes five potential scenarios for the world in 2040, based on different combinations of the structural forces, emerging dynamics, and key uncertainties. It ends with a series of graphics displaying key demographic trends in nine geographic regions.

The full report is available here, along with a five-year strategic outlook for each geographic region. A wide variety of experts, domestically and internationally, were consulted by the NIC as it conducted its analysis. The final report represents the views of the NIC. For more information, go to https://www.dni.gov/index.php/global-trends-home

The NIC has delivered Global Trends to each incoming or returning U.S. presidential administration since 1997 as an unclassified assessment of the strategic environment, reflecting a broad range of expert opinion in the United States and abroad. The report is intended to help policymakers and citizens anticipate and prepare for a range of possible futures.

The NIC supports the Director of National Intelligence in her role as head of the Intelligence Community and is the IC's center for long-term strategic analysis. Since its establishment in 1979, the NIC has served as a bridge between the intelligence and policy communities, a source of deep substantive expertise on intelligence issues, and a facilitator of IC collaboration and outreach.

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Daily Brief (PDB), a top-secret document including intelligence from all the Intelligence Community agencies, given each morning to the President. For more information, visit https://www.dni.gov/

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