Newsletters

Newsletters are a great way to stay informed on current global events and can easily be sent to your work or personal email, depending on how you prefer to access them. Just note, sometimes the newsletters may not work on .gov email addresses. Below are recommendations for newsletters:

- [https://www.csis.org/subscribe](https://www.csis.org/subscribe)
  - Recommended Topics: Defense & Security, Economics, Food Security, Geopolitics
  - Choose between Weekly and Daily updates
- [https://link.cfr.org/join/66n/signup&hash=2d4c5929e9e04cc42f5cd375fb8dcfb1](https://link.cfr.org/join/66n/signup&hash=2d4c5929e9e04cc42f5cd375fb8dcfb1)
  - Sign up to receive Daily or Weekly updates
- [https://www.rand.org/newsletters.html](https://www.rand.org/newsletters.html)
  - Select the Rand Policy Currents newsletter
  - Requires a Google, Facebook or Twitter account
- [http://link.defensenews.com/join/5ba/signup](http://link.defensenews.com/join/5ba/signup)
  - Select “Early Bird Brief” to receive news articles daily that are U.S. military focused
  - The check box for text-only emails works for .gov email addresses.

Quick Searching

The Think Tanks below work well using the tabs labeled latest, recent, or news:

- [https://www.rand.org/latest.html](https://www.rand.org/latest.html)
- [https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/](https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/)
- [https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/](https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/)

News Sources:

- [https://warontherocks.com](https://warontherocks.com)
- [https://www.realcleardefense.com/](https://www.realcleardefense.com/)
- [https://www.defenseone.com/](https://www.defenseone.com/)

Using the search bar for precise searches works best for the Think Tank below:

- [https://loc.gov/crsinfo/research/](https://loc.gov/crsinfo/research/)

OSINT Updates from Think Tanks

Think Tanks bridge the gap between the news and peer-reviewed research to provide products from experts in the field.

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**What Are Think Tanks**

Think Tanks are organizations that conduct research to inform politicians, businesses, or government organizations on how to make more informed and timely decisions. Common topics center around social, political, economic, military, technology, and culture. Think Tanks release information in various formats from reports, conferences, books, newsletters, to podcasts and videos.

**How to Rank Think Tanks**

The University of Pennsylvania ranked 8,248 Think Tanks in 2019 to create “The 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index” (GGTTI). The report is available at [https://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1018&context=think_tanks](https://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1018&context=think_tanks)

**DoD Think Tanks:**

Federally funded research and development centers (FFRDC) are government funded Think Tanks.

**DoD Think Tanks:**

- RAND Corporation (USA, AF, DHS, DoD) [https://www.rand.org](https://www.rand.org)
- Center of Naval Analyses (USN) [https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/](https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/)
- AEROSPACE (AF) [https://aerospace.org/](https://aerospace.org/)
- Institute for Defense Analyses (DoD, NSA) [https://www.ida.org/](https://www.ida.org/)
- Software Engineering Institute (DoD) [https://www.sei.cmu.edu/](https://www.sei.cmu.edu/)
- National Security Engineering Center (DoD) [https://www.mitre.org/](https://www.mitre.org/)
- Institute for National Strategic Studies (NDU) [https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/](https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/)

**Topics:**

**Great Power Competition - All Topics**

- [https://www.csis.org/regions](https://www.csis.org/regions)
- [https://www.cfr.org/regions](https://www.cfr.org/regions)
- [https://www.iiss.org/regions](https://www.iiss.org/regions)
- [https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/regions/](https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/regions/)
- [https://carnegieendowment.org/](https://carnegieendowment.org/)
- [https://www.cnas.org/](https://www.cnas.org/)

**China**

- [https://apcss.org/](https://apcss.org/)
- [https://www.piie.com/research/china](https://www.piie.com/research/china)
- [https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/CASI/](https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/CASI/)

**Russia**

- [https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/Category/12885/europe/](https://inss.ndu.edu/Media/News/Category/12885/europe/)
- [https://www.understandingwar.org/](https://www.understandingwar.org/)

**Iran**

- [https://www.reutgroup.org/regional-security](https://www.reutgroup.org/regional-security)

**North Korea**

- [https://www.kdi.re.kr/kdi_eng/topics/office_studies.jsp](https://www.kdi.re.kr/kdi_eng/topics/office_studies.jsp)

**Defense Policy**

- [https://defense360.csis.org/](https://defense360.csis.org/)
- [https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/](https://www.cna.org/news/InDepth/)
- [https://sipri.org/research/armorment-and-disarmament](https://sipri.org/research/armorment-and-disarmament)

**International Affairs**

- [https://www.brookings.edu/topic/international-affairs/](https://www.brookings.edu/topic/international-affairs/)
- [https://worldview.stratfor.com/](https://worldview.stratfor.com/)

**Global Commons**

- [https://www.cfr.org/global-commons](https://www.cfr.org/global-commons)
- [https://www.csis.org/regions/arctic](https://www.csis.org/regions/arctic)

**Technology, Cyber, and Space**

- [https://aerospace.org/news](https://aerospace.org/news)

**Humanitarian**

- [https://www.usip.org/regions-countries](https://www.usip.org/regions-countries)
- [https://www.crisisgroup.org/](https://www.crisisgroup.org/)
- [https://africacenter.org/research/](https://africacenter.org/research/)

**Sources Not Accessible on .Mil Domain**

- [http://www.wilsoncenter.org](http://www.wilsoncenter.org)
- [http://www.chathamhouse.org](http://www.chathamhouse.org)