

Reestablishing American Leadership

Governor Christie Will Stand With America's Allies And Stand Up To Our Adversaries

A Stronger National Defense

Keeping our military strong must be at the heart of any global agenda. A strong military doesn't just help us to deal with the threats we face. It helps eliminate them before we even see them.

- **Give Our Military The Resources They Need:** The National Defense Panel, a bipartisan commission chartered by Congress, has concluded that cuts in defense spending imposed by sequestration have been a "serious strategic misstep." We need to give our men and women in uniform the resources they need to get the job done. As President, Governor Christie will repeal the 2011 Budget Control Act and restore funding levels to what Secretary Gates proposed in his fiscal 2012 budget – modest increases in defense spending through the end of the decade that will make a massive difference to our troops.
- **Innovate To Fight The Battles Of The Future:** For a long time our military has led the world not just through the skill and the courage of our troops, but the ingenuity of our scientists and engineers. We need to invest in building the military of the future. We need to build a new generation of weapon systems to protect our interests on every front – on the ground, on the seas, in the air or new frontiers even further out. We need to invest in unmanned aviation, directed energy weapons and space while continuing to be leaders in undersea warfare.
 - When it comes to cyber warfare, we need to be ready not just to defend against threats to our vital national systems, we need the offensive capabilities to deter our enemies – or strike back when necessary. To keep our country safe in this century, we need to maintain the digital balance of power.
- **Fundamentally Reform The Procurement Process:** Across the board, military officials spend millions of dollars every year dealing with red tape and byzantine reporting requirements just to get the weapons we need. Business-as-usual bureaucrats in Washington aren't taking care of business. We need to adopt real world, private sector practices across our procurement system, and remove wasteful, overlapping functions.

Strong, Reliable Intelligence

Governor Christie has seen up close just how important the intelligence community is to defending our way of life. As U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, his office focused on fighting terrorism every day. When it comes to preparing for the threats over the horizon, strength and knowledge go hand in hand.

- **Empower Our Intelligence Community:** It is disgraceful the way there are folks in Washington who want American intelligence weaker and less informed just to drive their own personal political agendas. Instead of support, our intelligence services get condemnations. We need to be practical about preventing real civil liberties abuses wherever they occur. That's what a vigilant, responsible Congress, not a partisan one, would accomplish with vigorous oversight. Protecting our homeland must be an uncompromising priority. We need to toughen our anti-terror and surveillance laws to give our intelligence services the legal mechanisms to do their job.
- **Promote Innovation And New Technology:** We need to invest in new technologies and infrastructure to support our signals intelligence, so that we can actually interpret all the data we're gathering. Today's problem isn't having too little information; it's having too much. So we need to invest in turning noise into understanding. We can work with American entrepreneurs and innovators, who are some of our strongest assets as a country. The government should treat our tech community as our partners, not our enemies.

- At the same time, we need to strengthen our human intelligence capabilities in the parts of the world where they're weakest. Our country has reacted too slowly to the return of Moscow's aggression and the rise of ISIS partly because of our lack of investment in human intelligence.
- **Improve Coordination With Our Neighbors And Allies:** We can do more to strengthen our cooperation and intelligence sharing with our neighbors, as well as our allies in Europe. With Canada and Mexico we should be sharing more information about overseas travelers, and greater cooperation with Mexico to police their side of the border. And with Europe, in particular the countries in the visa waiver program, we should be doing more to encourage the sharing of digital data and information about extremist threats.

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It's not just our strength and intelligence that defines us as a country; it's our willingness to stand with those who share our values and interests. We need to make it clear to our friends and allies that we stand with them in the cause of freedom, and against all the gathering threats.

- **Defend The Western Alliance Against Russian Aggression:** We have spent 70 years of blood and treasure to establish and maintain a free and united Europe. Now President Obama and Secretary Clinton are giving this sacred investment away for nothing with their inane reset button. We need to bolster our NATO allies in Eastern Europe by helping them get access to the weapons systems and training they need to defend themselves, while strengthening NATO's military presence in the Baltic states. We should also give Ukraine the weapons it needs to defend itself.
- **Encourage NATO Allies To Invest More In Their Own Defense:** After the Cold War, too many of our European allies rushed to cut their military spending and enjoy the dividend of peace. Well now they need to invest, and fulfill their NATO commitments to spend at least 2% of GDP on defense annually. And even as Europe increases spending, we should work with them to avoid duplication in capabilities across the alliance. They don't all need to rush out and buy tanks, but they might benefit from investing more in cyber warfare, missile defense, precision weapons and artillery – the things we need more of.
- **Our Commitment To Israel Must Be Absolute:** Israel is a beacon of freedom in a sea of autocracy, and our friendship should be unshakable. The Obama administration has taken our Israeli partners for granted and it's just shameful the way the President has treated them. Israel and its people must be supported by the U.S. and the American President. Its existence and security is non-negotiable.
- **Confront ISIS And Check Iran Through Regional Coalitions:** Iran might not have the bomb right now - but their influence is absolutely radioactive. Meanwhile, our piecemeal strategy to deal with ISIS doesn't inspire confidence. We need to contain Iran with our moderate Sunni Arab allies, while at the same time rolling back the shadow of ISIS. We need to do more to organize our allies into a strong coalition on the ground, and to train and equip the moderate opposition to Assad in Syria and to ISIS across the region.
- **Strengthen Our Alliances Across The Asia-Pacific Region:** This century, more than any other, will be defined by the Pacific. If we don't upgrade our presence in the region, then we won't be able to keep our commitments to our allies. We need to reposition more of our fleet and our forces across the region, and give our allies the capabilities they need to respond to the threats of the future. We don't want to fuel a regional arms race, but there's no reason we can't help our allies upgrade their capabilities with stronger coastal defenses, submarines, maritime reconnaissance equipment and other defensive equipment.
 - Nothing about these policies is about treating China like a foe. China is a great nation, and we want them to be a partner. If we can work together, we can create a century of greater prosperity and security. But we must never shy away from demanding that China live up to the rules of the global community, and respect the human rights of its own people and the sovereignty of our allies.