



Geopolitics in 2009

The STRATFOR Perspective

What is Geopolitics?

- Methodology, not ideology
- Nation-States
- Relative unimportance of personalities
- Net assessments
- Situational Awareness
- Analysis
- Forecasting

The United States: Net Assessment



- Center of gravity of international system
- Military, economic and political preeminence
- Hubris and dread: American bipolarity
- U.S. economy, dollarization of the world
- Naval power
- America-centric world

The Obama Administration

- Change and constraints
- Recession
- Stimulus
- Foreign policy
- Continuity



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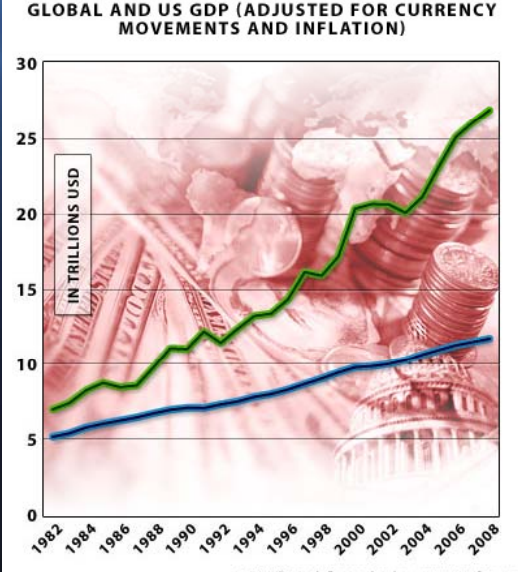
2009 ANNUAL FORECAST



War, Recession and Resurgence

Global Recession

GLOBAL AND US GDP (ADJUSTED FOR CURRENCY MOVEMENTS AND INFLATION)



Year	Global GDP (Trillions USD)	US GDP (Trillions USD)
1982	7.5	5.0
1984	8.5	5.5
1986	9.5	6.0
1988	10.5	6.5
1990	11.5	7.0
1992	12.5	7.5
1994	13.5	8.0
1996	14.5	8.5
1998	16.0	9.0
2000	18.0	9.5
2002	19.0	10.0
2004	21.0	10.5
2006	23.0	11.0
2008	25.0	11.5

- Credit crunch and global trade
- Europe's banks
- East Asian exports
- Instability for commodity producers
- States dependent on foreign capital
- U.S.-led recovery

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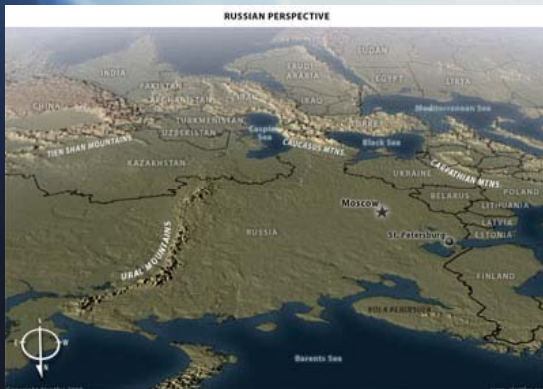
The Jihadist War



- Withdrawal from Iraq
- Handling the Iranians
- Surge in Afghanistan
- Pakistan's crisis
- Supply routes
- Russia's demands
- A political solution?

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Russia's Resurgence



- Color Revolutions, Kosovo
- War in Georgia
- Target: Ukraine
- U.S. surge in Afghanistan
- NATO expansion
- The Baltic States

The Next 100 Years

- Falling powers
- Rising powers
- Another American century
- Potential American rivals

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