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Worldview

As Secretary of Defense, I believe the United States must maintain a strong, capable military while prioritizing diplomacy and peaceful solutions. My approach is moderate yet firm: military action should be a last resort, but I will support its use when necessary to protect American interests, national security, and our allies. Preserving a powerful military is essential to maintaining the United States' global leadership and influence. While military power is my primary responsibility within the DIME framework, I also recognize the importance of diplomacy, information, and economic tools in supporting international stability. I will continue to advocate for military research, technological advancement, and modernization to ensure the United States retains its strategic advantage and is prepared for emerging threats. My goal is to leave a military that is strong, technologically advanced, and capable of defending American interests while fostering a more peaceful and secure world.

Responsibilities, Duties, and Process

The Secretary of Defense oversees the Department of Defense, advises the President on military matters, and helps develop national defense policy. My responsibilities include military readiness, defense spending, national security planning, and cooperation with international allies. These duties extend globally, wherever American military personnel or security interests are present. Policy development requires coordination with military leadership, the President, Congress, and other federal agencies. Once approved, policies are implemented through military commands and evaluated using intelligence, operational reports, and ongoing assessments. Presidential authority, congressional oversight, and budget constraints determine which policies can be implemented.

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Major Defense Priorities

- National Security and Military Readiness: Maintain a capable military prepared to respond to threats through effective training, modernization, and responsible resource allocation.
- International Alliances: Strengthen cooperation with NATO and other security partners through joint exercises, intelligence sharing, and coordinated defense planning.
- Cybersecurity and Emerging Threats: Improve military cybersecurity and invest in technology to protect American defense systems and critical infrastructure.
- Global Conflict and Military Escalation: Reduce the risk of major international conflicts by maintaining credible deterrence while supporting diplomatic negotiations whenever possible.
- Defense Spending and Accountability: Ensure military funding supports necessary defense priorities while reducing waste and improving oversight of military programs.

Long-Term Objective

My priority is to maintain a strong, prepared military while ensuring American defense policy is practical, accountable, and focused on preventing unnecessary conflict. The Department of Defense must protect American interests and support a more stable international security environment.