

## Quarterly Dispatch (February 2026)

Things might look a little different around here. The Quarterly Dispatch is migrating to a new platform because we outgrew our previous capacity! We are growing as an organization in many exciting ways. Follow us on social media and stay tuned for some new faces, fresh voices, and exciting new programs. We appreciate you being a part of this community. -*Graham Markiewicz, SDF Executive Director*



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## New Report: Building a Contemporary Space Deterrence Framework

Our latest report develops a contemporary framework for deterring attacks on U.S. space systems by adversarial nations. It argues that Cold War-era deterrence logic no longer applies to today's space domain, where more than 70 nations operate satellites, new weapons can disable systems without creating debris, and gray-zone attacks have become routine. The paper proposes an eight-question framework for tailoring deterrence strategies to specific adversaries, then applies this framework to China—America's pacing threat. The analysis yields five policy recommendations emphasizing resilience, debris removal technology, and space domain awareness as critical components of a credible 21st-century space deterrence strategy. [Download the report here.](#)

## What else are you reading?

At the Security and Democracy Forum we believe in continuing to learn, grow, and challenge ourselves. One of the best ways to do this is to keep reading. You've probably seen our [first Reading List](#) recommended by SDF Advisors and Staff last year. It's a great list, but dominated by non-fiction. We're looking to update with community recommendations specific to fiction:

Vonnegut, Atwood, Whitehead? Send us an email or DM on socials and make your recommendations for our updated Reading List!

## Featured! The Heights

The Heights, the alumni magazine for Boston College, ran a profile piece on the Security and Democracy Forum and Executive Director Graham Markiewicz. "If security is done thoughtfully with oversight and is transparent, you can have a robust national security that protects your freedom rather than threatens it." It included interviews with SDF Advisors Frieda Arenos and Ben Widness. You can read more in [A Forum for Dialogue](#).

## Top Articles This Quarter



### [Inclusive Trade Policy for Global Economic Growth and Security](#)

New guest post by Margaret Cekuta! Headlines often frame trade as a zero-sum fight. The core objective is simpler: exchange goods and services at advantageous prices that raise prosperity on both sides. If we align trade tools with women's economic inclusion, we get more than fairness—we get measurable gains in growth and stability.



### [Print, Fight, Repeat: How Additive Manufacturing Could Repair Military Logistics](#)

Today's peer competitors understand that the fastest way to blunt U.S. power isn't through open confrontation, but by targeting the brittle logistics chains that keep forward units in the fight. In a world of long-range precision fires, contested sea lanes, and cyber-enabled supply disruption, the next revolution in military affairs may not begin with a new fighter jet, but with a printer.



## [Unit Cohesion or Civil Rights? Reconsidering Extremism in the Ranks as a National Security Threat](#)

Military extremism threatens both unit cohesion and national security, requiring institutional reforms that strengthen rather than politicize military culture. This isn't about politics. It's about readiness. And it's time to bring the conversation back into focus—not with a culture war lens, but with a national security one.

## Now Open: National Security Essentials Course

The *Security and Democracy Forum* has launched a new professional development course designed for early-career policy professionals, veterans, and civic leaders. *National Security Essentials* covers the fundamentals of how America's security institutions actually work, from the NSC and interagency process to Congress's power of the purse. If you want to understand how decisions are made, how budgets move, and how strategy becomes policy, this course is for you. [Learn more or enroll.](#)

## Get Involved

We're actively looking for [volunteers, contributors, and advisors](#) to join our growing team. Right now, we're especially in need of an operations manager. We're seeking a detail-oriented, mission-driven volunteer to help manage the internal operations of our growing organization. This is an ideal role for someone with experience in nonprofit administration, program coordination, or startup operations who wants to help build infrastructure that supports public impact.

### Play SDF Supporter Bingo

There are many ways to support the community without stepping out of your comfort zone. In fact, you can have a bit of fun while you do, if you want to check out our bingo card: [Play SDF Supporter Bingo](#). Five in a row wins a prize!

### Call for Submissions

Have an idea that belongs in the national conversation? We welcome op-eds, analysis, and long-form essays from practitioners, academics, and emerging voices. Our editorial team is especially

interested in topics that intersect with DIMEFIL dimensions of power: diplomacy, information, military, economics, finance, intelligence, and law. [Pitch us your piece!](#)

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