

Directions for UK National Security: navigating alliances with the US, Europe, NATO and beyond

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In 2025 the UK National Security Strategy recommitted the UK to ‘collective security, led by NATO’ as the ‘cornerstone of our strategy’. It thus recommitted the UK to deepening its partnerships with both the US and Europe, and made a significant defence investment to this end. At the same time, it signalled an intent to ‘Sharpen our diplomatic focus on countries that...share a similar interest in shaping international norms to mitigate and manage the effects of great power competition’. In this session we explore the UK’s options for shaping its future relationships towards other powers, and the arguments supporting them.

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