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Across the globe today, we are witnessing a masterclass in geopolitical strategy. Whether you love Donald Trump or hate him (but especially if you are someone who has doubted him), you have to take a step back and admire the strategic genius of his foreign policy alongside the magnificent tactical proficiency of America's military.

For the last ten years, while the Washington establishment played checkers, Trump was setting a sophisticated chess board for a long-term success. The media told you a conflict with Iran would lead to endless chaos. But the reality is that this conflict was strategically won a decade ago when Donald Trump laid the groundwork. He didn't just look at the next news cycle. He looked at the next decade, and dare I say, the next generation.

In 2016 Trump went to work repairing and maximizing our relationships with vital Middle Eastern allies like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, and Egypt. The Biden administration degraded and fractured those crucial relationships, leaving our posture weakened.

But upon returning to office in 2024, Trump immediately repaired the damage, locked in a unified regional front that isolated our adversaries. Our military executed strikes that destroyed Iran's nuclear facilities in the summer of 2025, a decisive action didn't create a wider war - it prevented one. It stripped a hostile dictatorship of its ultimate leverage, to nuke America and Isreal.

Trump's foreign policy strategy included neutralizing the hostile, socialist regimes in our backyard – Venezuela, Cuba, and the drug cartels - paving the way for a historic Western Hemisphere peace agreement in 2025.

At a time when global rival Russia is strategically checked and engaged in Ukraine and China is bogged down with internal political and economic struggles, Trump is dictating the terms of global security from a position of strength.

Real leadership doesn't entangle us in endless, un-winnable nation-building, the quagmire Democrats seem to be rooting for right now. Rather, Trump's far-sighted leadership is eliminating threats before they ever reach our shores.

Take a step back in comfort and safety, and with deep gratitude, to admire the work of a master geopolitical strategist.