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ITSC 201 Case Study

AMERICAN STRATEGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY



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A TURNING POINT

The end of the
unipolar moment

An opportunity
squandered

Is a recovery possible?



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National GDP, 1983 to 2017

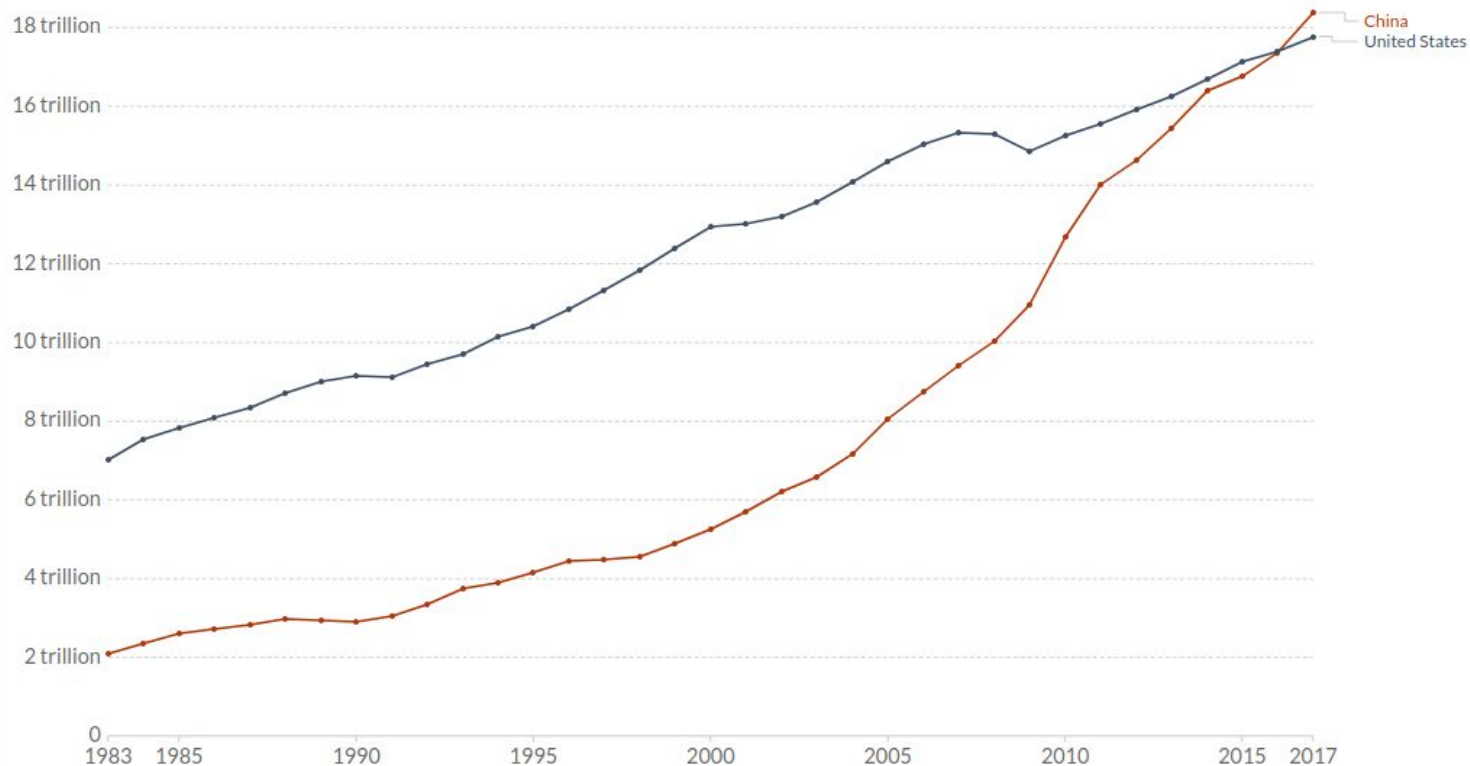
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1950



2017

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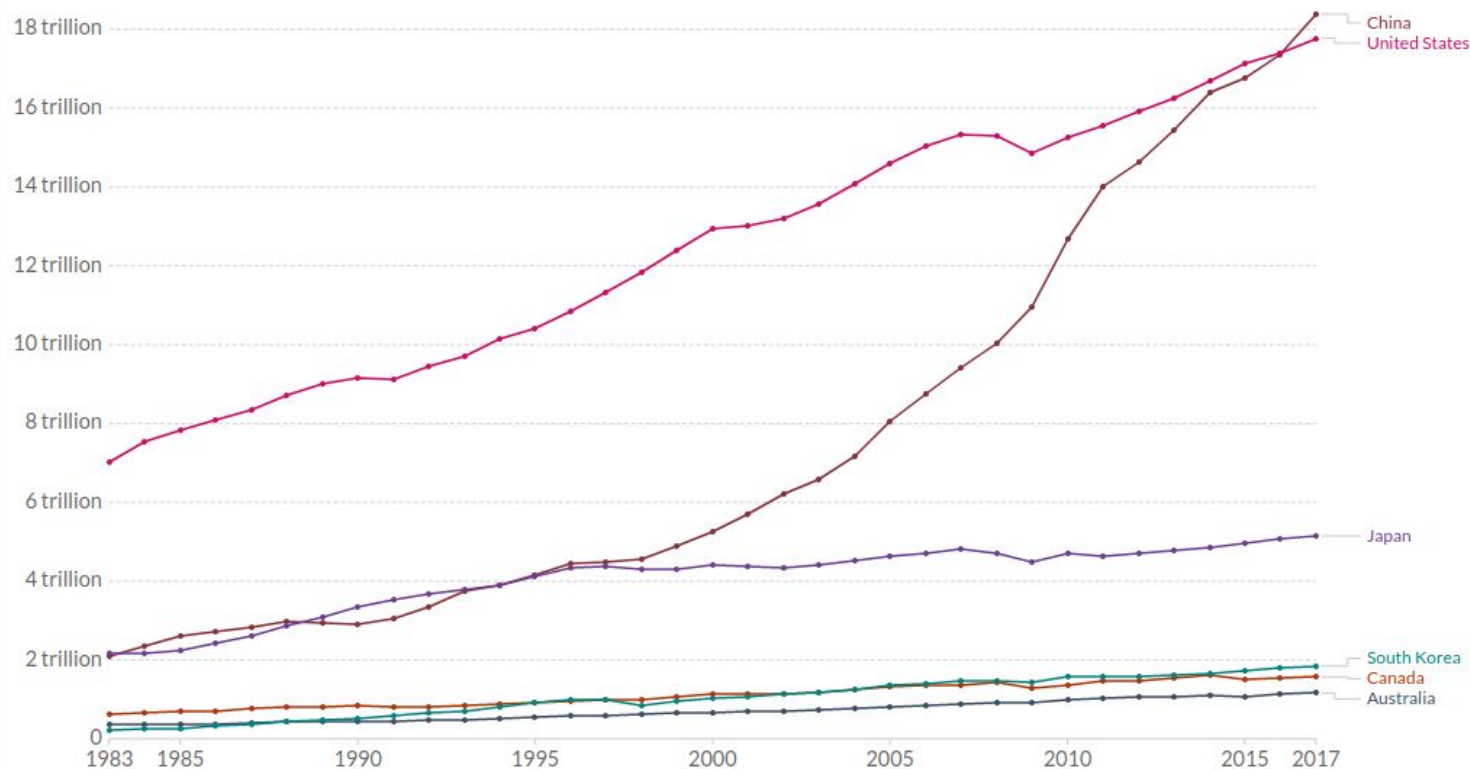
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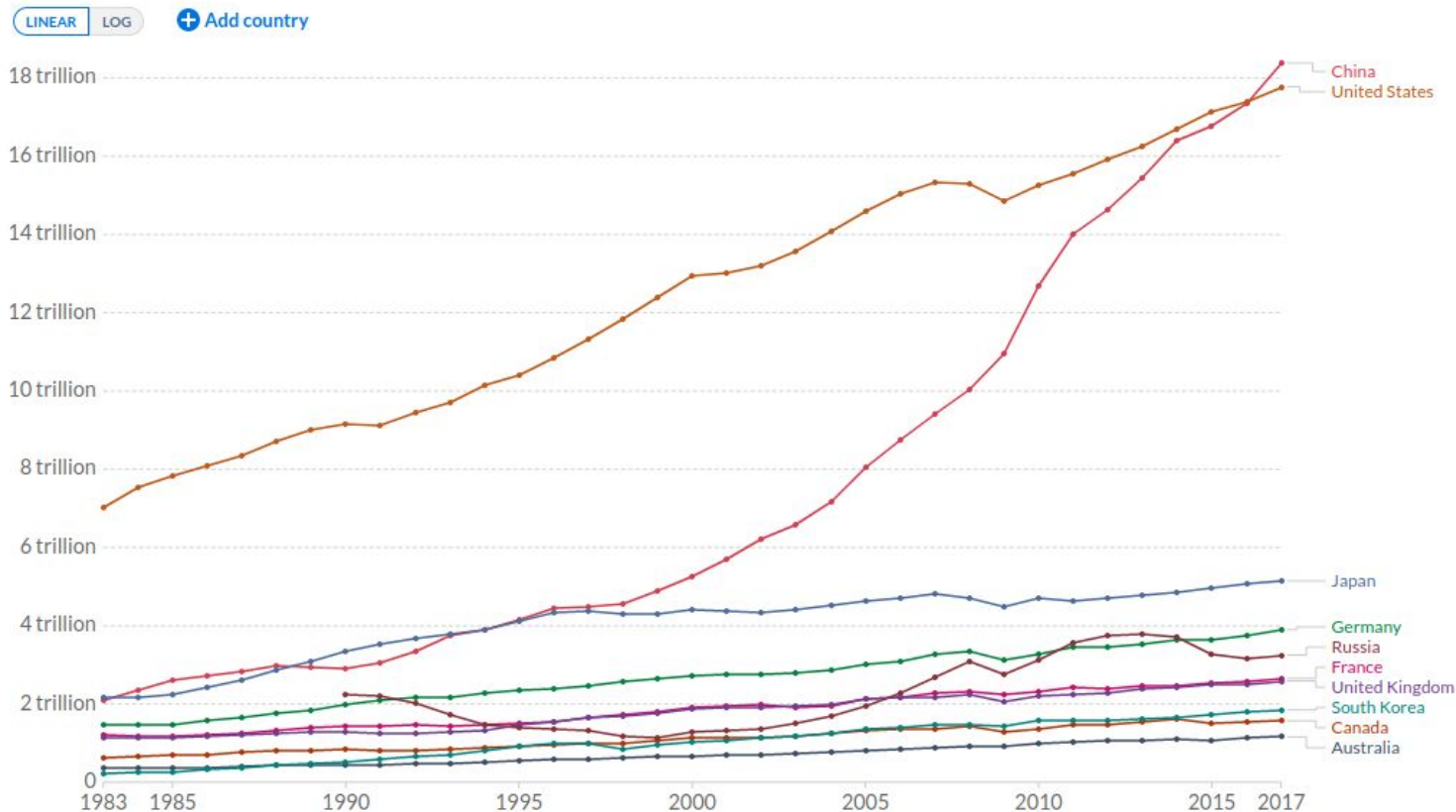
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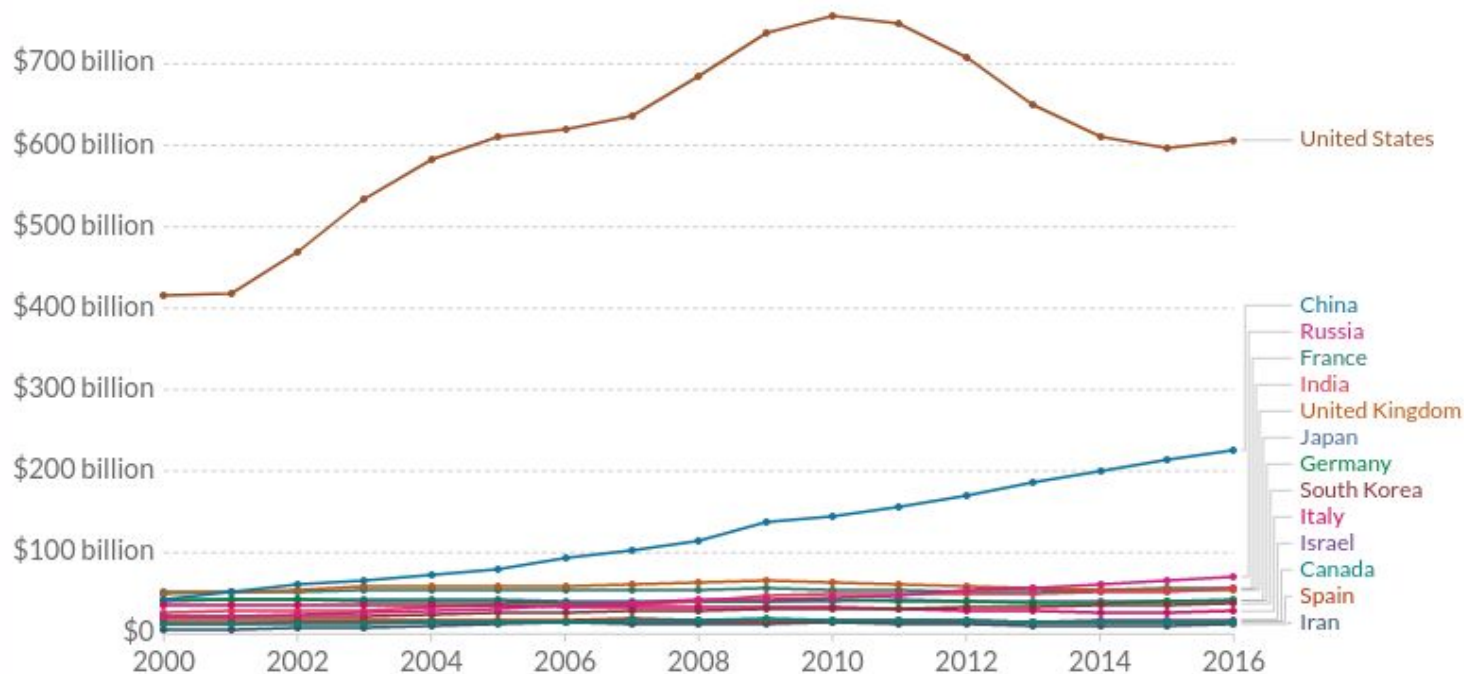
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Military expenditure, constant 2015 US\$, 2000 to 2016

Figure illustrates military expenditure in constant 2015 US\$. SIPRI's military expenditure aims to include all spending on current military forces and activities. See the source tab for further information on its definition.

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1949



2016

A TURNING POINT

- 1 What are the key U.S. advantages?
- 2 What are the key weaknesses?
- 3 How should the U.S. proceed?



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THE PRIMARY OPTIONS

- Withdrawal from international commitments?
- Repair the international order?
- Some other option?



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4 Can the U.S. expect to resume a period of primacy?

5 If not, what is the best possible outcome?
What is the worst?



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