

On Nov. 17, 2011, President Barack Obama in his address to the Australian Parliament, announced a major foreign policy shift as he had made a "deliberate and strategic decision" for the United States to "play a larger and long-term role in shaping [the Asia-Pacific] region," making the U.S. "presence and mission in the Asia-Pacific a top priority." Echoed in speeches and statements by other senior U.S. policy officials, this "pivot" or "rebalance" toward Asia has become a hallmark of Obama's foreign and defense policy.

The principal drivers behind this rebalance are Asia's growing economic and strategic importance, as well as increased military spending and aggression in the region led by China, trends that are likely to continue in the foreseeable future.

Rebalancing in Asia

US Military In The West Pacific

