

Call for Submissions: Policy Recommendations for the New Administration

Description

When a new American president takes office on January 20th, they will confront a dangerous national security environment shaped by Irregular Warfare (IW) challenges. From cyber warfare and gray zone conflicts to terrorism and insurgency, these challenges demand immediate, actionable solutions.

The Irregular Warfare Initiative invites you to contribute fresh, pragmatic, and non-partisan policy recommendations to help shape the next administration's approach to these threats. We welcome contributions from practitioners, policymakers, and academics alike.

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Submission Guidelines:

- **Focus:** Propose **practical and specific solutions** to improve the US and its allies' abilities to counter IW threats. Examples include:
 - **Updates to laws** or agency responsibilities.
 - **Specific policy changes** in foreign relations or military force structure.
 - **Strategic plans** to address emerging IW threats.
- **Realism:** Submissions should consider current resources and constraints. Avoid idealistic ideas or unrealistic budget increases. Vague recommendations for more interagency cooperation or trillions of extra spending aren't helpful. We need practical, cost-effective solutions.
- **Originality:** Submissions must be original and unpublished.
- **Evidence-Based:** Recommendations should be backed by data, case studies, or well-supported arguments. Use hyperlinks for citations, not endnotes.
- **Clarity and Accessibility:** Write in clear, accessible language. Avoid jargon to ensure your piece is understandable to a broad audience.
- **Length:** Maximum **2,000 words**.
- **Deadline:** November 4th, 2024.
- **Follow** the Irregular Warfare Initiative's [publication guidelines](#).

Selected submissions will be published on our website.

How to Submit:

- Submit your essay as a Word document via this [link](#)

This is your opportunity to influence how the United States tackles Irregular Warfare in the years ahead. We look forward to your insights.

Until then,

Keep Warfare Irregular!

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