

# Notes from the Ivory Tower

A survey of America's top International Relations scholars on foreign-policy research.

Which area of the world do you consider to be of greatest strategic importance to the United States today?



- 1 40% EAST ASIA (INCLUDING CHINA)
- 2 37% MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (INCLUDING TURKEY)
- 3 10% WESTERN EUROPE
- 4 5% RUSSIA/FORMER SOVIET UNION (EXCLUDING THE BALTIC STATES)
- 5 2% LATIN AMERICA (INCLUDING MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN)
- 5 2% NORTH AMERICA (EXCLUDING MEXICO)
- 7 1% CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING THE BALTIC STATES)
- 7 1% SOUTH ASIA (INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN)
- 7 1% SOUTHEAST ASIA
- 7 1% SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
- ALL OTHER AREAS LESS THAN 1%

Which area of the world do you consider to be of greatest strategic importance to the United States 20 years from now?



- 1 66% EAST ASIA (INCLUDING CHINA)
- 2 10% MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (INCLUDING TURKEY)
- 3 6% WESTERN EUROPE
- 4 3% LATIN AMERICA (INCLUDING MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN)
- 4 3% SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
- 6 2% ARCTIC
- 6 2% RUSSIA/FORMER SOVIET UNION (EXCLUDING THE BALTIC STATES)
- 6 2% SOUTH ASIA (INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN)
- 6 2% SOUTHEAST ASIA
- ALL OTHER AREAS LESS THAN 2%

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