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## Publications

"Nobody does defense policy better than CSBA. Their work on strategic and budgetary topics manages to combine first-rate quality and in-depth research with timeliness and accessibility—which is why so many professionals consider their products indispensable." – *Gideon Rose, Editor of Foreign Affairs, 2010-2021*

### STUDIES

#### **Relook Playbook: Defense Budgeting Insights From a CSBA Rebalancing Exercise**

April 2, 2025 | **Travis Sharp, Casey Nicastro, Evan B. Montgomery**

In February 2025, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth directed the Pentagon to reexamine the 2026 budget request, which has been drafted but not sent to Congress, to ensure that it reflected the

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### Putting It All Together: The 2025 Defense Budget Request, Alternative Budget Proposals, and NATO Spending

December 9, 2024 | **Travis Sharp**

With a new administration and new Congress entering office, experts from across the political spectrum have introduced competing proposals for future U.S. defense budgets. The most

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### Inconsistent Congress: Analysis of the 2024 Defense Budget Request

October 17, 2023 | **Travis Sharp**

After increasing the Department of Defense (DoD) budget in real terms during seven of the past eight fiscal years, Congress has reoriented toward restricting spending beginning the fiscal

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### How I Learned To Start Worrying And Hate Real Growth: Analysis of the 2023 Defense Budget Request

July 18, 2022 | **Travis Sharp**

In May 2022, the Pentagon presented its second budget request to the Biden Administration, proposing a \$772 billion ceiling for Fiscal Year 2023. Although estimates of nominal and real growth

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### Living Within One's Means: Revisiting Defense Acquisition and Affordability

October 4, 2021 | **Chris Bassler, Travis Sharp, Josh Chang**

Future Vertical Lift (FVL) is a force structure recapitalization effort to design and procure a family of autonomous platforms capable of operations in future high-contested environments. The Army's

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### Slow and Steady: Analysis of the 2022 Defense Budget Request

July 30, 2021 | **Travis Sharp**

In May 2021, the Pentagon presented its first budget request to the Biden Administration, proposing a \$745 billion baseline for Fiscal Year 2022, representing a 0.3 percent real decrease relative to the