

## Political

- Need for a politically neutral Defense Force under strict civil oversight that does not intervene in domestic politics
  - Drawing from Latin American experience with military regimes in the 20th century
  - Internal security and constitutional protection should be the responsibility of a separate Civic Guard, which would fall under even more stringent civil control (Interior Ministry) and could only remove elected officials by judicial order

## Military

- Need a versatile and highly adaptable Defense Force capable of deterring Eurasian adversaries and defeating said adversaries if deterrence is insufficient
  - Most likely scenario would be a war with Russia/North Asia over Arctic resources
- Emphasis should be on positional defense rather than offensive maneuver
  - Drawing off lessons from Ukraine and other recent interstate conflicts
- Fortress America Plan: enclose the entire Western Hemisphere into a giant A2/AD bubble

## Economic

- Defense integration as tool to foster the expansion and diversification of the American defense industrial base
  - New firms created in underdeveloped regions, boosting economic growth in these areas
  - Existing firms in Northern America and Brazil get new contracts to sustain the defense industry in these areas
- With defense consolidated at a continental/hemispheric level, overall expenditures decrease, freeing up funds for other uses

## Social

- Defense Force serves as instrument for social integration and harmony
  - Officers and sub-officers required to learn multiple languages and rotated around units in different regions
  - Enlistees who are assigned to a unit outside their home territory would also be required to learn the local language
  - Possible case for conscription?

## Infrastructural

- Defense Force would inherit the great majority of national militaries' installations, facilities and equipment but there would almost certainly be consolidation and cutbacks, especially with military academies and schools

## Informational

- DF should run its own YouTube channel and social media sites and be open to collaboration with both public broadcasters and vetted corporate media outlets and independent influencers to boost recruitment.