

## George Friedman

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George Friedman is an internationally recognized geopolitical forecaster and strategist on international affairs and the founder and chairman of Geopolitical Futures. Before founding Geopolitical Futures, Dr. Friedman was CEO and then chairman of Stratfor, a company he founded in 1996.

Dr. Friedman is also a New York Times bestselling author. His most recent book, *THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM: America's Discord, the Coming Crisis of the 2020s, and the Triumph Beyond*, published February 25, 2020, describes how "the United States periodically reaches a point of crisis in which it appears to be at war with itself, yet after an extended period it reinvents itself, in a form both faithful to its founding and radically different from what it had been." The decade 2020-2030 is such a period which will bring dramatic upheaval and reshaping of American government, foreign policy, economics, and culture.

His most popular book, *The Next 100 Years*, is kept alive by the prescience of its predictions. Other best-selling books include *Flashpoints: The Emerging Crisis in Europe*, *The Next Decade*, *America's Secret War*, *The Future of War* and *The Intelligence Edge*. His books have been translated into more than 20 languages.

A very popular keynote speaker on the future of international geopolitics, Dr. Friedman is in high demand at numerous conferences and industry-specific events. He has briefed for many major military and government organizations and is frequently invited to speak internationally.

Dr. Friedman appears regularly as an expert on international affairs and intelligence on major television and radio networks and is frequently quoted in leading American and international news publications.

Dr. Friedman received his bachelor's degree from the City College of the City University of New York and holds a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University. He lives in Austin, Texas.