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America's Position In The World. Director James Clapper believes the United States is facing a more diverse array of challenges and crises globally than it has throughout the course of his past 50-plus years working in the intelligence community. With this eye-opening talk, Clapper looks at today's rapidly-changing threats including cyber, counterintelligence, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, transnational organized crime, economics, natural resources, and human security. He reviews how America is perceived globally, the likely ways the new Administration will respond to these challenges, and what it all means for our geopolitical relationships and business interests.

Cyber Security: America's Greatest Threat? Cyber threats to US national and economic security are increasing in frequency, scale, sophistication, and severity of impact, with new and worrisome tactics being uncovered daily. While these attacks hover below the level of all-out war, threat actors, their methods, and the targeted systems or victims are also expanding. Director Clapper discusses what Americans are facing, what the intelligence community is doing in turn, and how this will all unfold as the world becomes more digital and the Internet of Things (IoT) leaps into existence.