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Submission: the dynamics of the region are changing.the USA will no longer be able to spend on military like they used to.they are already under stress eg obsolete air force tankers ,fighters and helicopters.We see the massive build up of China and India and now Russia is getting cocky.Also, our closer neighbours investing heavily in modern arms..

We cannot take for granted that in a maror conflict the USA will be there for us completely or even initially .We may even in coalition with allies be expected to look after a specific theatre. we must plan to be more self reliant. We must not fall for 'forttress singapore ' again.

we must buy the best we can afford and always with deterrence in mind.

With the world hungry for resources , energy and now food,the high cost of defence is cheap insurance.

we are obliged to meet the arms race.

in meeting regional conflicts or helping nations like iraq we should negotiate payment.

eg our navy has been on ops in the gulf since 1991 protecting oil cargoes... have we ever been repaid with oil or cash or have they even offered to leased our naval protection. And now i see iraq has \$70 billion USD reserve..and did we charge them for training their army. lets get real here.

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