

Looking Beyond Policy and Tactics: The Strategic Implications of Energy

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At the beginning of this century, we Americans find ourselves at an inflexion point in history, facing a complex and uncertain strategic environment characterized by increasing market and cultural interdependence and competition for finite resources – energy, minerals, food, and water. America’s continued credibility as a global leader hinges on our willingness to accept the challenge of creating a new model of prosperity and security in an interconnected world.

With strong and visionary leadership, Americans can prove the efficacy of the values and free market ideology upon which our nation was founded. I am proud of the supporting role the Department of Defense is playing in the pursuit of cleaner, sustainable sources of energy and energy efficiency. But this transformation cannot, and should not be, a military-led effort. The reinvigoration of our economy and manufacturing base — as well as the awareness that fair competition can result in multiple winners, rather than a single winner and multiple losers — must confidently begin within our free market system.

Abridged Biography:

CAPT Porter is currently serving as the Chair for Systemic Strategy and Complexity at the Naval Postgraduate School. Prior, he was assigned to the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, serving as a Special Assistant to the Chairman for Strategy. He co-authored, with Colonel Mark Mykleby, “A National Strategic Narrative,” published by the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and subsequently cited in numerous journals, televised editorials and radio interviews. In addition, CAPT Porter has had numerous articles published. He holds two Masters of Science degrees (Computer Science, Joint C4I Systems Technology) from NPS.



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