



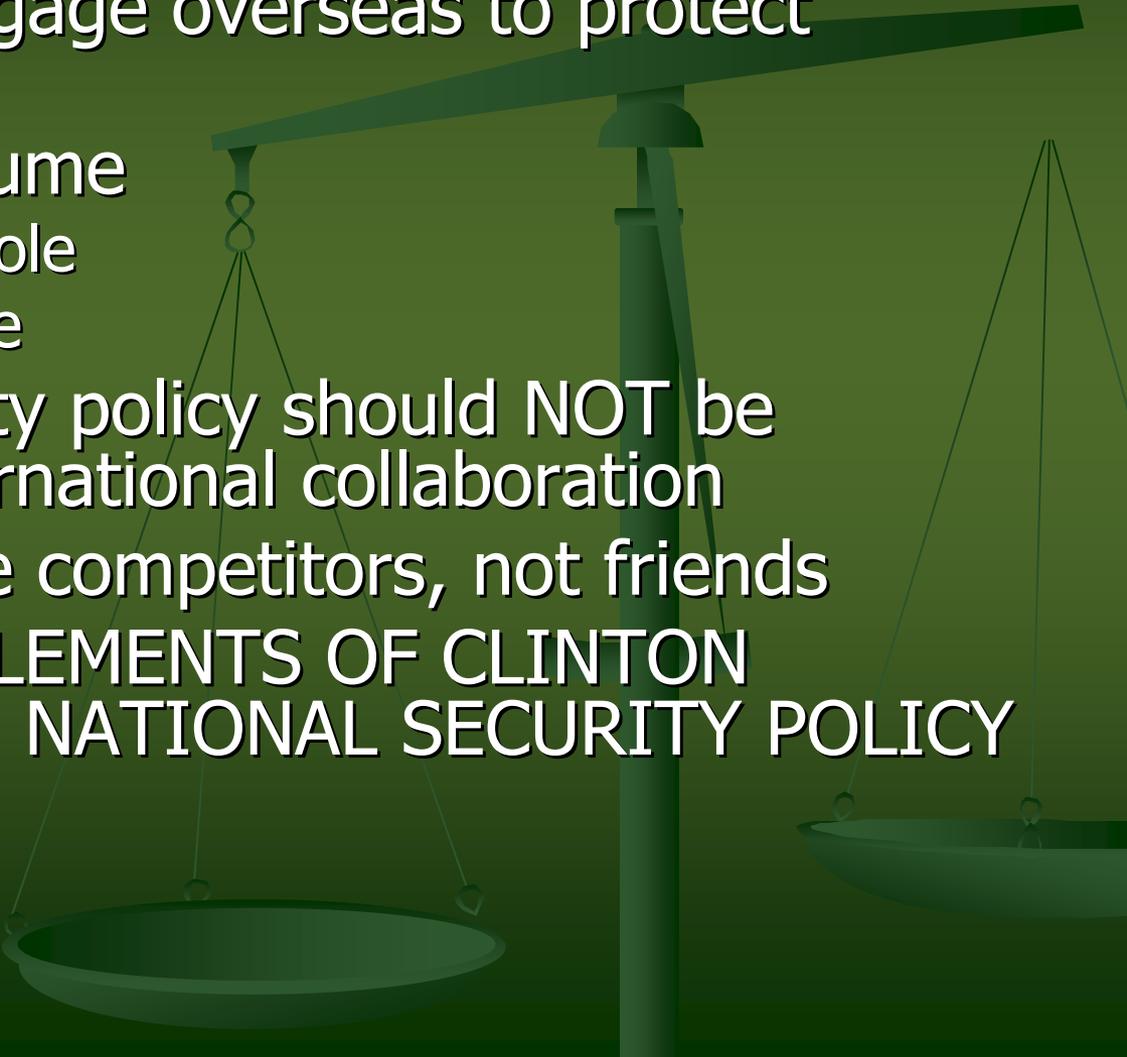
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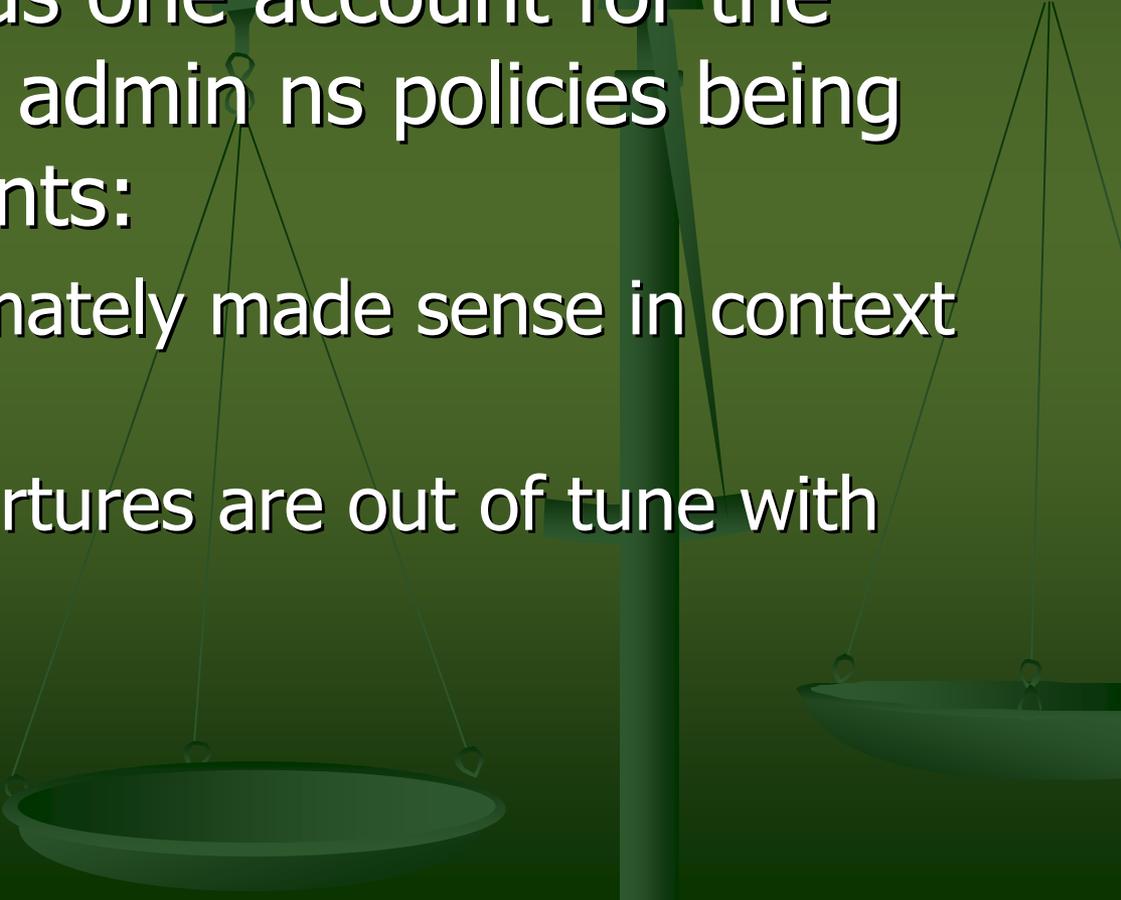
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# National Security Setting — Pre 9/11

- Declining Russian strategic “threat”
    - START
  - No specific threats to US vital interests
  - US hegemony
    - Economic
    - Military
    - Political
  - US public with strong domestic focus
  - US economy showing weakness
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# National Security Orientation Pre-9/11

- US should only engage overseas to protect VITAL interests
  - US should not assume
    - global policeman role
    - nation-building role
  - US national security policy should NOT be submerged in international collaboration
  - China & Russia are competitors, not friends
  - REPUDIATE ALL ELEMENTS OF CLINTON ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY
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- Could the desire to separate a new admin from the previous one account for the pattern of initial admin's policies being reversed by events:
    - Prior policy ultimately made sense in context of the times
    - Significant departures are out of tune with reality

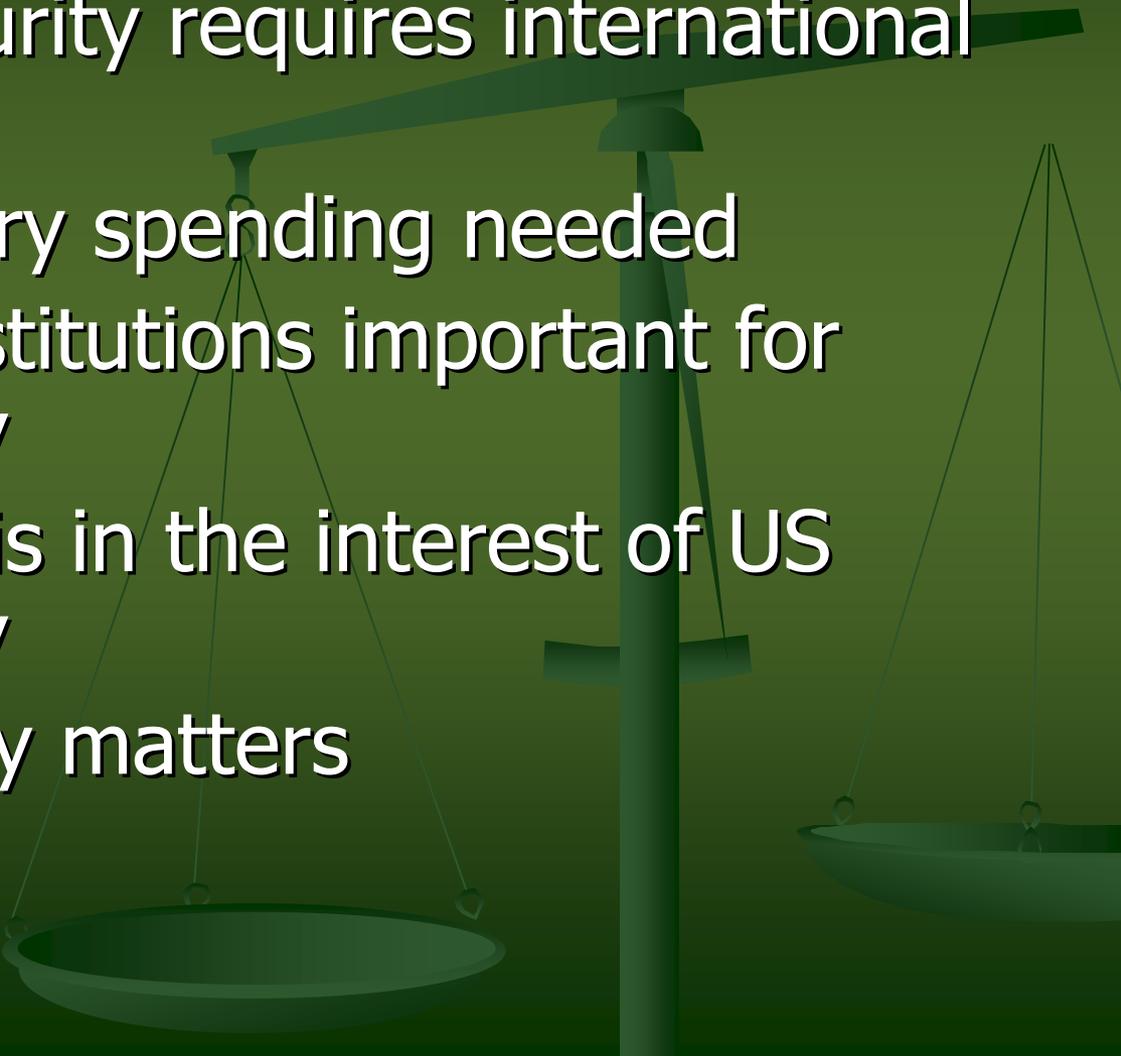
# Bush National Security Policy – Pre 9/11

- Disengage from the Middle East peace process
- Withdraw from international collaboration
  - Withdraw from ABM Treaty
  - Withdraw from discussions of International Criminal Court
- Cut military forces
  - Skip a generation of weapons
    - Play to US technological superiority
  - Reduce heavy conventional forces
- Missile Defense

September 11, 2001



# National Security Orientation – Post 9/11

- US national security requires international collaboration
  - Increased military spending needed
  - International institutions important for national security
  - Nation building is in the interest of US national security
  - Regional security matters
    - Middle east
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# National Security Policy – Post 9/11

- Increase defense spending
  - Build international collaboration
  - Work through international institutions
  - Re-engage Israeli-Palestinian peace process
  - New Focus: Homeland Security
    - Border security
    - Immigration
    - Domestic surveillance, intelligence, detention, & investigation
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# National Security Policy – Post 9/11

- Department of Homeland Security
  - How did this happen?
- War with Iraq
  - How did this happen? Why summer of 2002?

