Theme/Design Motivation

Perception of Trump administration’s “American Retrenchment”

- NATO – “Obsolete”
- NAFTA – “Cost U.S. millions of jobs”
- Trans Pacific Partnership – “Bilateral deals are far more efficient, profitable and better for OUR workers.”
- World Trade Organization – “If they don’t shape up, I would withdraw from the WTO”
- United Nations – “America will always choose independence and cooperation over global governance, control and domination.” …We reject the ideology of globalism.”

2018

Argues that the liberal international order set-up after WWII has made the world prosperous and Peaceful.

2017

Foreign policy primer… concerned about the state of world order, and prospect it is getting worse.

2018

Historical narrative of struggle & challenge, and how America prevails because of an optimistic soul.
**Drivers of Change**

**Geo-Economic:** Continued trends will have more to do with each country’s internal politics than any external obstacles place in their path.

**Geo-Political:** As the leader and principle enforcer of the international order, U.S. foreign policy and behavior drives the trajectory of international order.

**International Order Institutions:** More than changing, there are a growing number of new institutions, and competition for legitimacy.

**Other factors:** Demographic trends, migration patterns, relative military power, technology, populist & Ideological movements.
### US Foreign Policy Track

#### Jacksonian Nationalist
- Introverted, populist/nationalist
- Unilateralist tendency
- Transactional
- National Honor / Reputation (and “Swagger”)

#### Realist
- State based power balance
- Non-intervention in domestic politics (gross human rights violation caveat)
- Prefer “partner first” approaches

#### Liberal Hegemony
- Universal individual liberty
- Democracy
- Capitalism
- Tolerance

- Minimalist/pragmatic foreign relations
- Aggressive if challenged (Dishonored)
- Punitive tendency
- “Total victory” once committed (Honor/credibility)

- Restraint
- Act (military) to restore balance
- Nuclear deterrence

- Interventions
- Social engineering
- Regime change