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# Geopolitical Risk and Global Markets: What to watch for in 2017

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# I. The United States: Looking in a new direction









"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

- Abraham Lincoln

#### "Hell, I never vote for anybody. I always vote against" - W.C. Fields

"America will no longer settle for anything but the best... dream big and bold and daring."

- President-Elect Donald J. Trump

# Critical Questions for "The First 100 Days"



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- Trump: How much will Trump "the President" resemble Trump "the candidate"? Will the power base in Trump's White House be driven by anti-establishment loyalists, or the more traditionally conservative Republican establishment?
- ✓ First 100 days: Which 2-3 major Trump policy proposals will be prioritized in the first year of his Presidency? Will FY 2017 and 2018 budgets be passed in the first 100 days to facilitate ObamaCare repeal and comprehensive tax reform?
- Confirmation Hearings: Will the more controversial Trump cabinet appointments (Sessions, Price, Tillerson, Mnuchin) result in bruising confirmation hearings that require political capital better used for an ambitious policy agenda?
- Tax Reform: Given its sheer magnitude and complexity, will Republicans be able to execute the largest reform of the US tax code (individual, corporate, international) in a generation? Will Trump get behind the House plan's concept of "border adjusted taxes" in order to push it through the Senate?
- Infrastructure: Will conservative fiscal Republicans (McConnell, Ryan, Pence, Mulvaney, Priebus) support anything close to Trump's \$1 trillion infrastructure program, and how will it be funded?
- China & Trade: Will Trump's renegotiation efforts be more bark than bite, or is he willing to risk a damaging trade war to reset the US-China economic relationship?
- ✓ ObamaCare: Will Republicans use budget reconciliation in Jan-Feb to unwind trillions of ObamaCare spending and taxes immediately? Will they be able to co-opt the 10 vulnerable Democratic Senators in Red States to "replace" with a more defined contribution-based system? Will there be resistance to "repeal" without a clear "replace" strategy?
- ✓ **Dodd-Frank:** What will be the focus areas of Trump's unwind of selected Dodd-Frank provisions, and will he pivot to center from his campaign rhetoric regarding the big banks (Glass Steagall, Volcker, TBTF, FSOC)?
- Treasury: Will new US Treasury Secretary Mnuchin pursue a strong US Dollar policy, and how quickly will he pivot if there is contagion to global markets (EM, China peg, oil, US exports, S&P 500 earnings)?
- The Fed: Will Trump pursue campaign promises to curtail Fed policy independence, and will he replace Yellen as Chair in 2018?

# Key Risks to Watch in 2017

#### 10 Elections to Watch

1) Mar

2) Mar

3) Apr

4) May

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6) Aug:

7) Oct:

8) Oct

**9) Dec** 

10) Late

#### 10 Risks to Watch

15: Netherlands General	1) Dovish Fed falling behind rate curve
26: Hong Kong Chief Executive	2) Stagflation if US growth slow to materialize
23: French Presidential (1 <sup>st</sup> Round)	3) Fed or USD induced tightening of financial conditions
7: French Presidential (2 <sup>nd</sup> Round)	4) Escalating US-China trade disputes / retaliatory measures
19: Iran Presidential	5) US Dollar contagion (EM, China, oil, exports, earnings)
Rwanda General	6) European politics (Brexit, elections, migrant crisis)
China's Politburo	7) Republican failure to pass "comprehensive" tax reform
22: Germany General	8) Oil supply glut (US production upside; OPEC production cut enforcement)
20: South Korea Presidential	9) Recovery delays for commodity exporters
e 2017: Thailand General	<b>10) Geo-political escalation</b> (cyber security, failed states, terrorism)

Note: Though not currently scheduled, both Italy and the UK have a high probability of early elections in 2017.

# Vox Populi Risk: Anger and Change around the world



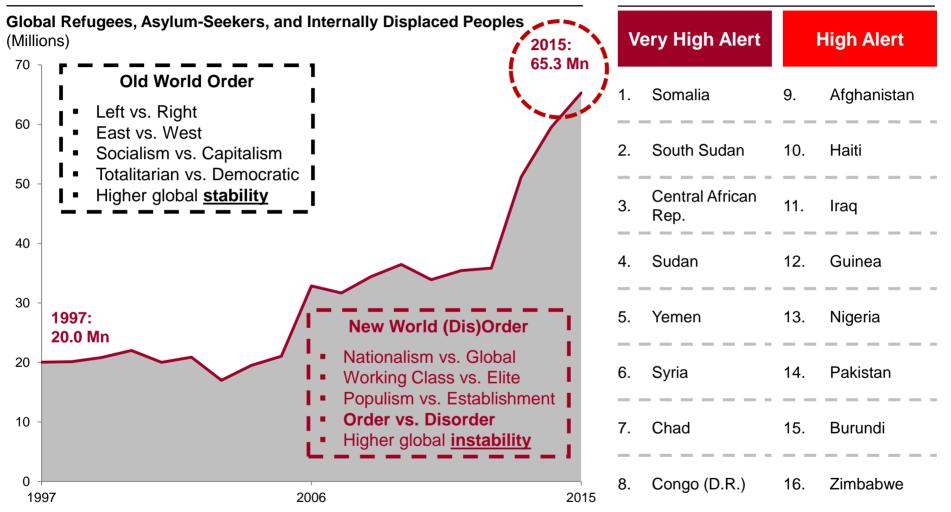
#### **Disapproval Rating** European Populism Anti-immigration **Ratings for EU Economic Policy** Anti-European establishment Anti-eurozone Anti-austerity Support level globalization Disapprove Approve 6% Greece (-92%) Union Anti-Anti-Italv (-68%) 22% Podemos -23% Spain France 27% (-66%) Syriza 14% Greece Spain 28% (-65%) **Five Star** 30% Italy Sweden (-59%) 34% UKIP 11% K UK Britain (-55%) 28% National Front 23% **Netherlands** France 42% (-49%) Freedom Partv 17% Hungary Netherlands (-48%) 38% AFD 13% Germany -38%) 47% Germany Freedom Party Poland 35% 47% (-33%) Austria

You May Not Know: According to the IMF's World Economic Outlook, political risk in advanced economies has become the largest risk to global growth. Italy, for example, has had 64 governments in 70 years. If 2016 was the year of the referenda in Europe, 2017 will be a year of pivotal elections: Netherlands (Q1), France (Q2), Germany (Q3), and possible early elections in both Italy and the UK. Sluggish growth, the migrant challenge and a busy election schedule will all pose significant challenges for the European project in 2017.

# New World (Dis)Order

#### # of Displaced People Globally

2016 Fragile States Index



<u>You May Not Know</u>: According to the UN, the world today has over 65 million displaced people, nearly double the number from a decade ago. Globally, 1 in 122 humans today is a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum. If this population were a country, it would be the 24<sup>th</sup> largest in the world.

# Say Hello to Team Trump: The Domestic Policy Squad



#### Nominees and Appointees for Key White House Positions

		Congressional	Pick Type	
Position	Nominee / Prior Experience	Approval?	Trump Loyalist	Establishment / Other
Cabinet:				
Attorney General	Jeff Sessions, Senator (R – AL)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Secretary of the Interior	Ryan Zinke, Representative (R – MT)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Tom Price, House of Rep (R – GA)	$\checkmark$		✓
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Ben Carson, Neurosurgeon	$\checkmark$		
Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao, Bush Secretary of Labor	$\checkmark$		✓
Secretary of Education	Betsy DeVos, School voucher advocate	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Secretary of Agriculture	To Be Announced	$\checkmark$		
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	To Be Announced	✓		
Non-Cabinet:				
Chief Strategist	Steve Bannon, Campaign manager	×	$\checkmark$	
Chief of Staff	Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman	×	$\checkmark$	
Adviser	Jared Kushner, Real Estate developer	×	$\checkmark$	
White House Counsel	Donald McGahn, Campaign finance lawyer	×	$\checkmark$	
White House Press Secretary	Sean Spicer, RNC communications director	×	$\checkmark$	
Chairman of the EPA	Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma Attorney General	✓		· ✓
<b>CMS Administrator</b> (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)	Seema Varma, President of SVC Inc	×		✓
Counselor to the President	Kellyanne Conway, Campaign manager	×	$\checkmark$	

# Say Hello to the Trump Team: Foreign Policy Squad



#### Nominees and Appointees for Key White House Positions

Position	Nominee / Prior Experience	Congressional Approval?	Pick Type Trump Establishment /	
		Approvar	Loyalist	Other
Cabinet:				
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxonmobil	✓		✓
Secretary of Defense	James Mattis, Marine General	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Secretary of Homeland Security	John Kelly, Retired Army General	✓		$\checkmark$
Non-Cabinet:				
National Security Adviser	Michael Flynn, Army Lieutenant General	×	✓	
Deputy National Security Adviser	Kathleen McFarland, National Security analyst	×		$\checkmark$
US Ambassador to the United Nations	Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina	✓		$\checkmark$
Central Intelligence Agency Director	<b>Mike Pompeo,</b> Representative (R – KS)	✓		$\checkmark$
Ambassador to China	Terry Branstad, Gov. of Iowa	✓	✓	
Homeland Security Advisor	Thomas Bossert, Bush Deputy Homeland Security advisor	×		✓
Deputy Secretary of State	To Be Announced	✓		
Director of National Intelligence	Dan Coats, ex-US Senator (R-IN)	✓		

# Say Hello to Team Trump: The Economic Policy Squad



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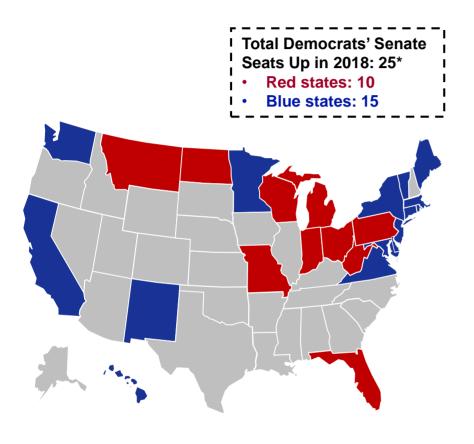
		Congressional	Pick Type	
Position	Nominee / Prior Experience	Approval?	Trump Loyalist	Establishment / Other
Cabinet-level:				
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson, CEO of ExxonMobil	✓		<b>√</b>
Secretary of the Treasury	<b>Steven Mnuchin</b> , Goldman Sachs partner, Hollywood financier	✓	✓	
Secretary of Commerce	Wilbur Ross, Investment banker	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Secretary of Labor	Andrew F. Puzder, CEO of CKE Restaurants	$\checkmark$		$\overline{}$
Secretary of Energy	Rick Perry, Governor of Texas	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Head of OMB	Mick Mulvaney, Representative (R – SC)	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
US Trade Representative	Robert Lighthizer, Lawyer; frmr. trade representative	~		$\checkmark$
Non-Cabinet:				
Deputy Commerce Secretary	Todd Ricketts, Chicago Cubs Co-Owner	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Director of the National Economic Council	Gary Cohn, frmr. COO of Goldman Sachs	×		$\checkmark$
Head of the National Trade Council	Peter Navarro, Professor, author	×	$\checkmark$	
Head of the Small Business Administration	Linda McMahon, Business executive	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Advisor on Regulatory Overhaul	Carl Icahn, Investor	×	✓	
Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers	To Be Announced	✓		
Assistant Treasury Secretary for Tax Policy	To Be Announced	✓		
Federal Reserve Vice Chair for Supervision	To Be Announced	✓		

Source: Public Media. Trump Transition Team.

Though technically not part of the Cabinet, Head of OMB and the USTR are treated as Cabinet-level positions.

## Democrats' Diminishing Footprint Nationally

#### 2018 US Senate Elections



Seats Held by Democrats

	2009	2017
President	1	0
Senate	58	48
House of Representatives	257	194**
**1/3 of Dem Seats from 3 states: CA,	, NY, MA	
State Governorships	29	15
State Legislative Chambers	57	31
Unified Government at State Level	17	6

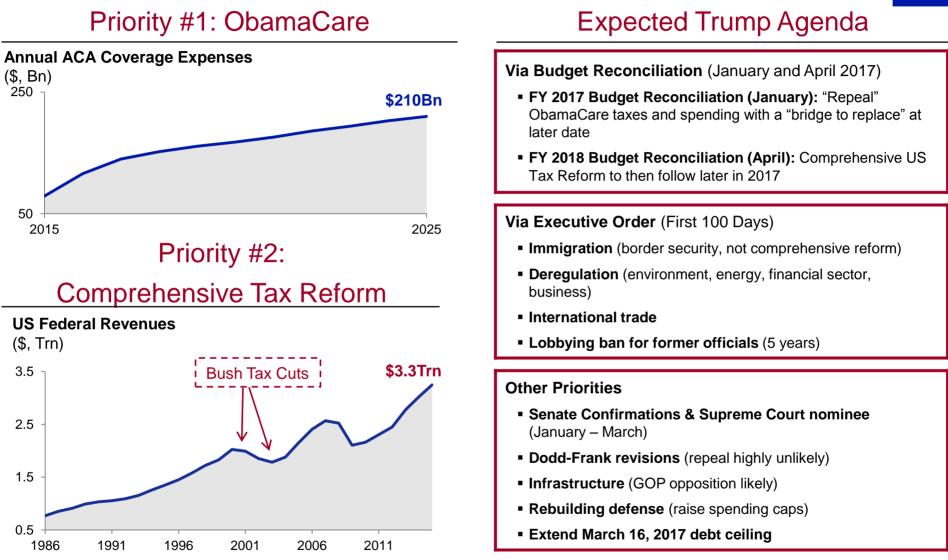
<u>You May Not Know</u>: Republican control of the White House, Senate and House in 2016 has fit a pattern of larger gains across State Governorships and legislative chambers nationally. In 2018, 25 of the 33 Senate seats up for re-election are held by Democrats. Of the 25, 10 are from red states, 5 of which Trump won decisively, and 5 of which Trump won narrowly. While it is unlikely that vulnerable Dems will cross party lines to dismantle Dodd-Frank, they may prove pivotal to Trump's efforts on ObamaCare and economic issues. Deutsche Bank

# **II.** Policy Priorities



# Congress' Legislative Priorities: Here we go!





<u>You May Not Know</u>: By our count (see Appendix C), President Barack Obama executed 261 executive orders between 2009 and 2016. The new 115<sup>th</sup> US Congress will convene on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with a stated goal of "reclaiming" Congressional authority under Article 1 of the Constitution, which they believe President Obama "whittled away" over the last 8 years.

Source: Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Bloomberg. New York Times. Politico. WSJ. Peck, Madigan, Jones. ObamaCare cost measured according to the March 2015 Baseline.

# ObamaCare Repeal & (Delayed) Replace

**ObamaCare expanded** 

Medicaid in 31 States

2005

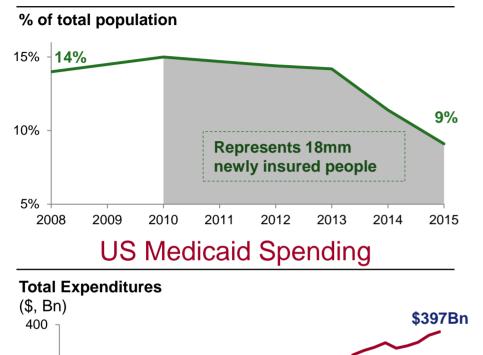
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1995

#### Expectations



#### **Uninsured Americans**



300

200

100

1985

#### Under President Trump

Step #1: "Repeal" ObamaCare Tax & Spending Provisions

Timing: Jan – Feb 2017

**Possible Guidepost:** HR 3762, passed by Congress in Dec 2015 ("Restoring Americans Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act")

- Repeal \$1.3 trillion of ACA spending (over 10 years)
- Repeal \$1.1 trillion of ACA taxes (over 10 years)

#### Step #2: "Replace" ObamaCare

Timing: Unclear (could be 1-3 years)

**Possible Guidepost:** GOP's "Better Way" (only a 37 page blueprint)

- Promotes HSAs
- Caps employer-based health insurance exclusion
- Permits sale of insurance across state lines
- High risk pools and other insurance market reforms
- Medicaid and Medicare reforms

<u>You May Not Know</u>: Repealing ObamaCare tax and spending provisions is the #1 priority of the GOP in 2017. The path to replace is less clear, could be 1-3 years, and remains a concern for many GOP leaders. While Republicans will seek to shift from an open-ended defined benefit structure, to a more cost-mitigating defined contribution scheme, the bridge to replace poses enormous political risks. In 2016 alone, subsidies to consumers and health plans totaled \$43 bn as nearly 20mm Americans have added insurance since 2010.

# Moving Hard and Fast on Deregulation

#### Selected Areas Trump Can Act without Congress Approval

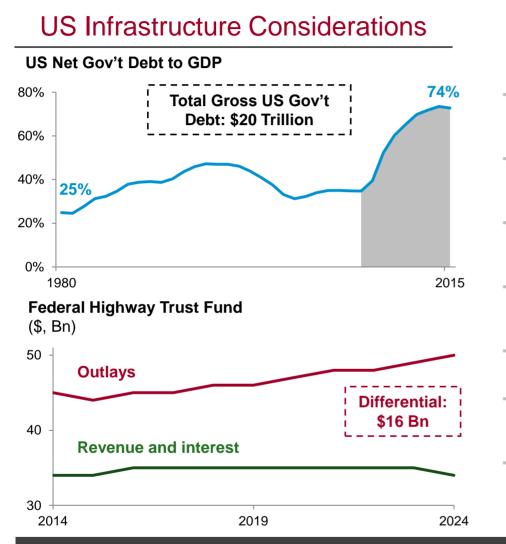
- Certain immigration controls
- Certain foreign trade abuses
- Leaving the TPP
- Labeling China an FX manipulator
- Limiting Federal regulations
- Roll back environmental regulations
- Cancel UN payments on climate change
- Rescind certain gun restrictions
- Approve Keystone Pipeline / Dakota Access
- Tighten lobbying restrictions

#### The CRA: 10 High Cost Rules that Could be Repealed

Rul	e	Cost (\$, Bn)
1.	Head Start Performance Standards	\$5.6
2.	Food Labeling Requirements	\$4.3
3.	Food Labeling Revisions	\$4.3
4.	Selected Medicare and Medicaid Programs	\$3.1
5.	Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	\$3.0
6.	Overtime Rule	\$2.9
7.	Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems	\$2.6
8.	Customer Due Diligence Requirements for Financial Institutions	\$2.5
9.	Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf	\$2.1
10.	Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers	\$1.3
	Total	\$31.6 Bn

<u>You May Not Know</u>: The 1996 Congressional Review Act (CRA) allows Congress with a simple majority to pass disapproval resolutions to unwind regulations passed over the prior 60 legislative days. House Republicans also plan to pass the "REINS Act", which requires Congressional approval for regulations > \$100 mm. Lastly, Trump himself can also issue or repeal dozens of executive orders without Congressional approval.

# Infrastructure Spending: Really?



# The Ross-Navarro Public-Private Investment Proposal

- **Target Size:** \$1 Trillion (over 10 years)
- Required Equity: \$167 Billion
- Avg. Project Leverage: 5x
- Avg. Financing Rates: 4.5 5%
- Target Financing Term: 20 30 years
- Assumed Equity Returns: 9 10%
- Government Tax Credits: Equal to 82% of equity
- Implied Reduction to Debt Cost: 18 20%

<u>You May Not Know</u>: President-elect Trump is likely to fall short of anything close to his \$1 trillion of proposed infrastructure spending. While fiscally conservative Republicans are highly unlikely to fund it with deficit build, privately funded models such as the Ross-Navarro plan are likely to fall far short of its ambitious target size. Sector interest would also vary widely with the largely publicly held transport industries likely to attract much less investment than energy and utility projects.

Source: Bloomberg. WSJ. Congressional Budget Office. BMI Research. Wilbur Ross. Peter Navarro (UC-Irvine Professor). Trump advisory team.

# Trump going to be Tough on Trade?



#### **Trade Since NAFTA**



#### Expectations Under President Trump

#### More Likely:

- Withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Renegotiate NAFTA (NAFTA Article 2202)
- TTIP with Europe on permanent hold
- More unilateral deals (Post-Brexit US-UK deal)
- Commerce Secretary to identify all overseas trade violations
- USTR to initiate WTO cases (anti-dumping, IP, subsidies)
- Pressure US corporates on offshoring
- Push for "border-adjusted taxes" within tax reform

#### <u>Less</u> Likely:

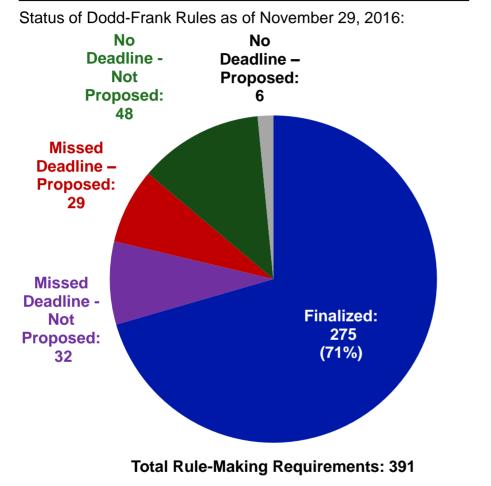
- WTO withdrawal (requires 6 months notice)
- NAFTA withdrawal (requires 6 months notice)
- Raise tariffs outside WTO procedures (1974 Trade Act, Sec 301)

<u>You May Not Know</u>: Trump's rejection of the TPP deal is a watershed moment in US trade policy, as the US has never previously failed to ratify a major negotiated trade agreement. It is also worth noting that while Congress is required to ratify new trade deals, a US President may terminate such deals unilaterally without Congressional approval. Getting behind "border-adjusted taxes" in the US tax reform agenda may offer a more attractive path to Trump than the WTO and temporary tariffs.

Source: World Bank. BMI. DB Global Markets Research (Zhang, Kojodjojo). BMI Research. Baker McKenzie. Scowcroft.

#### Dodd-Frank Revisions: How much and how fast? Expectations

#### Dodd-Frank Rulemaking Process



#### Under President Trump

# More Likely:More accommodative DF enforcementSignificant leadership changes at AgenciesPossible governance changes at CFPBMore flexibility on VolckerSlowdown in SIFI designationsRegulatory relief for smaller banksFed preserves independence from Congress

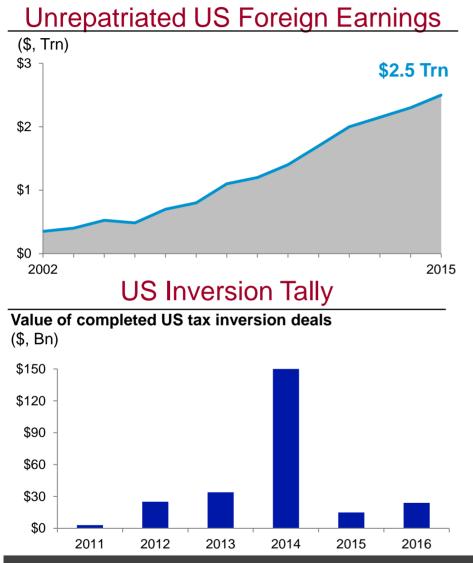
#### Less Likely:

•	Repeal of Dodd-Frank
•	Replace Dodd-Frank with Financial CHOICE Act 2.0
•	Unwind Dodd-Frank derivatives title
•	Repeal Volcker Rule
•	Elimination of CFPB
•	"Modernizing" of Glass Steagall
	Taylor rule prescriptions for Fed rate policy

You May Not Know: Substantive changes to Dodd-Frank are likely to be limited. Most financial regs are statutes, not executive orders, and so not easily repealed. While the House may pass some version of the Financial Choice Act 2.0, DF repeal in the Senate is unlikely (given 60 vote filibuster proof threshold required). Where DF rules have been finalized, unwind also becomes difficult. Look for most change to occur through more accommodative enforcement and high turnover among senior regulatory staff (as happening now at SEC).

Source: Davis Polk. Peck, Madigan, Jones. Brookings. House Financial Choice Act. WSJ. Financial Times.

# Tax Reform: Dysfunction Junction



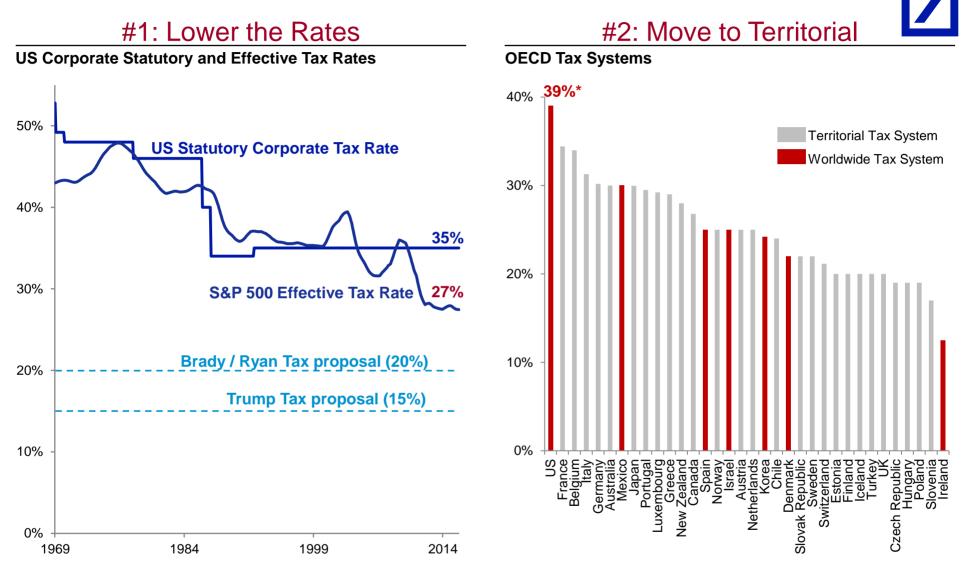
#### Key Features of Comprehensive Tax Reform

	Current	House GOP Plan
System	Worldwide	Territorial
Tax Rate	35%	20%
CapEx Depreciation	Over time	Immediately
Interest Expense	Deductible	Not deductible
Basis for Taxation	Profits	Sales
Overseas Earnings	Pay if repatriate (less foreign tax credits)	Not taxed (one time transition tax or current overseas earnings at 8.75%)
Border Adjustments	None	On imports only (exports exempt

<u>You May Not Know</u>: In its totality, US Federal tax laws today fill approximately 70,000 pages (3x 1986 levels). Recent estimates suggest Americans spend over \$400 Bn annually (and 8.9 Bn hours) complying with the tax code. The outdated US corporate tax system effectively encourages debt, re-domiciling, overseas investment and innovation, job outsourcing and tax avoidance.

Source: Wall Street Journal (Greg Ip). Company Reports. Tax Foundation. Tax Policy Center. Deloitte. GOP Tax Plan ("A Better Way").

# Pillars of Corporate Tax Reform



<u>You May Not Know</u>: Globally, only 2 of 173 countries have a higher corporate tax rate than the US (Chad & UAE). Countries have moved away from worldwide tax systems, with 33 countries using it a century ago, 24 in the 1980s, and only 7 today (including the US). The transition to a territorial system would entail a one-time deemed repatriation (i.e., "mandatory" taxation at 8.75%) of currently deferred foreign profits, and a 100% exemption for dividends from foreign jurisdictions going forward (i.e., 0% tax).

# The Path to Tax Reform

#### 2 Budget Reconciliations

Reconciliation #1	Year	President	Policy
Timing: Jan – Feb 2017 (launch)	1981	🗮 Reagan	Tax Cuts
<b>Budget:</b> FY 2017	1990	Bush	Tax Increases
Purpose: ObamaCare Repeal	1993	Clinton	Fiscal Stimulus (tax & spend)
<ul> <li>Unwind ObamaCare taxes and spending</li> <li>"Replace" to happen at later date</li> </ul>	1997	Clinton	Tax Cuts
Reconciliation #2	2001	💏 Bush	Tax Cuts
Timing: Likely April 2017 (launch)	2003	🗮 Bush	Tax Cuts
<ul> <li>Passage into law in Q3 or Q4 (if successful)</li> <li>Effective date could vary (i.e., retroactive)</li> </ul>	2005	📆 Bush	Reduced Government Spending (Medicare, Medicaid, Student loans)
Budget: FY 2018	2005	🗮 Bush	Tax Cut Extension
Purpose: Comprehensive US Tax Reform	2010	Dbama	ObamaCare Tax & Spend

You May Not Know: Article 1, Section 7 of the US Constitution states that all bills for raising revenue (i.e., taxation) shall originate in the House of Representatives. The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 created the reconciliation process whereby bills on budgetary matters only (i.e., tax) can be passed with a simple majority (not subject to 60 person Senate filibuster) on a more rapid timeline (debate limited to 24 hours). The weakness of this tool is that many of the tax code changes would not be "permanent," but rather would sunset, creating a "fiscal cliff" in 10 years (2027).

Source: CIB Capital Markets Strategy. Tax Policy Center. Tax Foundation. Deloitte.

Precedents for Legislation

Through Budget Reconciliation

# Expected Timeline: Look to the fall 2017



#### Target Timetable for US Tax Reform

(Via Two Budget Reconciliations: FY 2017 and FY 2018)

January – February 2017	<ul> <li>House &amp; Senate pass "shell" FY 2017 budget (for ObamaCare unwind)         <ul> <li>Includes "reconciliation instructions" with target number for Congress on repeal of ObamaCare spending and taxes (i.e., \$1.3 trillion of spending and \$1 trillion of taxes over a decade)</li> <li>House and Senate pass and reconcile bills</li> <li>President Trump signs ObamaCare funding and spending cutbacks into law</li> </ul> </li> <li>House &amp; Senate continue drafting detailed comprehensive tax reform legislation</li> </ul>
April 2017	<ul> <li>House &amp; Senate pass FY 2018 budget (for comprehensive tax reform)</li> <li>Includes "reconciliation instructions" with target number for Congress on comprehensive tax reform</li> </ul>
May 2017	<ul> <li>House Ways &amp; Means (W&amp;M) and Senate Finance Committees mark up their respective comprehensive tax reform bills</li> </ul>
May / June 2017	<ul> <li>House passes its own comprehensive tax reform bill</li> <li>Senate passes its own comprehensive tax reform bill</li> <li>Timing could slip to Q3</li> </ul>
June / July 2017	<ul> <li>Conference Committee works to reconcile differences in House and Senate comprehensive tax reform bills</li> <li>Timing could slip to Q3 – Q4</li> </ul>
July / Early August 2017	<ul> <li>House and Senate pass reconciled comprehensive tax reform bill</li> <li>President Trump signs comprehensive tax reform into law</li> <li>Timing could slip to Q4 or early 2018</li> </ul>

<u>You May Not Know</u>: Republicans will only get two bites at the apple with the budget reconciliation tool in calendar year 2017. Look for them to pass a "shell" FY 2017 budget in January to facilitate "reconciliation instructions" to repeal ObamaCare spending and taxes. Then in April, look for Republicans to commence work on the FY 2018 budget, paving the way for passage of more comprehensive US tax reform (corporate, international and individual) as early as July 2017 (more likely Q4 2017, if at all).

# The Math: Does it add up?



#### Non-Gov't Scoring of "Selected" Brady / Ryan Tax Provisions

Revenue	Reductions

#### **Revenue Additions**

(\$, Bn)	Static Basis	Dynamic Basis	(\$, Bn)	Static Basis	Dynan Basis
Individual Tax:			Individual Tax:		
Lower Individual tax rates	(-\$1,954)	(-\$1,641)	Eliminate most deductions (except mortgage interest & charitable)	\$2,331	\$2,21
Lower cap gains and div taxes	(-\$609)	(-\$531)	Corporate Tax:		
Corporate Tax:			Border Adjusted Taxes	\$1,069	\$936
Lower corporate tax rates	(-\$1,807)	(-\$1,325)	Eliminate debt interest deductions	\$1,194	\$1,17
Full & immediate capex expense	(-\$2,236)	(-\$883)	Eliminate most deductions, limit NOLs	\$701	\$677
Move to territorial system	(-\$160)	(-\$160)	Deemed repatriation of foreign earnings	\$185	\$185

<u>You May Not Know</u>: Importantly, the CBO/JCT is the only score that matters for budget reconciliation, and they have not yet scored the Brady/Ryan tax plan due to its limited detail. As a general rule of thumb, every 1% reduction in the US corporate tax rate costs \$100 billion in revenue over 10 years. Other sources of revenue are therefore critical to lowering the statutory rate. On a static basis, the comprehensive Brady / Ryan plan would reduce total US Government revenue by \$2.4 trillion over a decade.

Source: The Tax Foundation.

The CBO and JCT have not yet scored the comprehensive Brady – Ryan tax reform plan. Dynamic basis scoring based on positive assumptions related to growth and macroeconomic variables.

# The ObamaCare Taxes: Will it trip up tax reform?

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Largest ObamaCaro Taxos

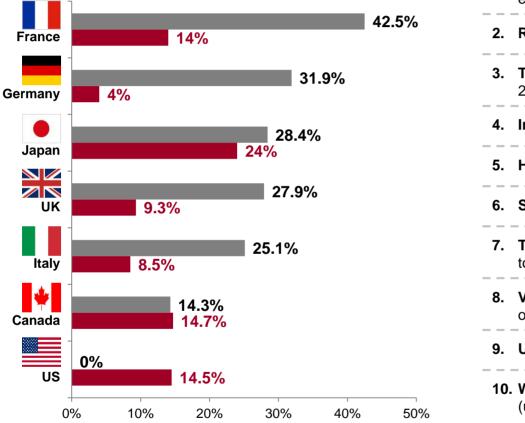
10 Yr Impact of ObamaCare Repeal		Largest ObamaCare Taxes		
Description	CBO / JCT Score	Largest Taxes	CBO / JCT Score	
		Medicare taxes (3.8%) (payroll, cap gains and dividends)	\$318 Bn Relevant	
Reduced ObamaCare Spending	\$1.4 Trillion	Cadillac Tax on Premium Plans (40%)	\$111 Bn	
		Employer Mandate Penalty	\$106 Bn	
		Tax on Health Insurers	\$102 Bn	
Reduced ObamaCare Tax	\$1.05 Trillion	Individual Mandate Penalty	\$55 Bn	
Revenue		Tax on Drug Manufacturers	\$34 Bn	
			\$29 Bn	
Reduced Fiscal Deficit	\$282 Billion	Flexible Spending Account Cap	\$24 Bn	
( <u>without</u> macro-economic benefits)		Codify IRS Economic Substance Doctrine	\$5.3 Bn	
		Tax on HSAs	\$4.5 Bn	
<b>Reduced Fiscal Deficit</b> ( <u>with</u> macro-economic benefits)	\$474 Billion	Tax on OTC Medications	\$4.0 Bn	
		Subtotal	\$793 Bn	
		Other Taxes & Revenue Effects	\$260 Bn	
		Total Gross Tax Revenues	\$1,053 Bn	

You May Not Know: In December 2015, the Republican Congress passed a bill (H.R. 3762) to repeal much of the ACA, but it was subsequently vetoed by President Obama. Nonetheless, the bill is likely a good roadmap for Republicans action on ObamaCare in Jan-Feb 2017. Though the plan for "replace" remains unclear, look for Republicans to quickly repeal nearly \$1.4 trillion of ObamaCare spending, and \$1.1 trillion of new ObamaCare taxes over the next 10 years.

#### Border-Adjusted Taxes: An idea too big to pass? 10 Considerations on

#### G7 Tax Systems

- Share of tax system revenue from VAT
- Share of tax system revenue from corp taxes



Border-Adjusted Taxes

#### **10 Considerations**

1.	Radical Departure: Destination-based principle (with exports exempt)
2.	Revenue: Generate \$1.1 trillion over 10 years
3.	<b>Tax Rate Impact:</b> Critical to reducing corp rate below 25 - 27%
4.	Industry Impact: Refiners and retail hit hard
5.	House Plan: Included in Brady – Ryan Plan
6.	Senate Plan: Not clear; more skepticism given radical shift
7.	<b>Trump Plan:</b> Not included, but could be attractive alternative to tariffs
8.	VAT: Conceptually similar (but GOP applies to corp taxes only)
9.	US Trade Advantage: Minimal, because USD would adjust
10	. WTO Compliance: VATs (yes); border adjusted taxes (unclear)

<u>You May Not Know</u>: Border adjusted taxes would generate \$1.1 trillion of revenue over 10 years and have thus become an important piece of US tax reform. Without border adjusted taxes, it will be difficult to lower the US statutory corporate tax rate below 25-27%. While many countries apply VAT taxes at each stage of production but then remove them at the border (similar concept), the US would be the first major country to adopt such a border-adjusted corporate tax system.

# The Corporate Tax Reform Plans So Far



Comprehensive US Tax Reform			
	Current	Trump	Brady / Ryan
Top Corporate Rate	35%	15%	20%
Top Pass-Through Rate	39.6%	<ul> <li>15%</li> <li>May elect 15% corp rate or individual rate</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> level tax on large distributions to owners</li> </ul>	25% top rate to active business income of sole proprietorships and pass-through entities
Capital Investment	Depreciation schedule	Optional immediate and full write-off for US manufacturing	Immediate and full write-off except for land purchase
Amortization of Intangibles	15yr amortization schedule	N/A	• Full expensing in year one
Interest Expense Deductibility	Yes	Non-deductible if elect to expense capital investment	<ul> <li>Effectively eliminated</li> <li>Only to offset interest income (unlimited carry forward of expense)</li> <li>Special rules for financial services companies to come</li> </ul>
Carried Interest	Long-term capital gains rate	Ordinary income	N/A
Research Credit	Up to 20% credit for expenses over base amount	Retain	Retain
Domestic Production Deduction	Up to 9% of qualified production activities income	Eliminate most credits except for R&D	Repeal

# Corporate Tax Reform (Cont'd)

Comprehensive US Tax Reform			
	Current	Trump	Brady / Ryan
NOLs	Carry back (2 yrs) & Forward (20 yrs)	N/A	<ul> <li>No carry back</li> <li>Indefinite carry forward, adjusted for inflation</li> <li>Only applicable to offset 90% of taxable income</li> </ul>
Corporate AMT	Yes	Repeal	Repeal
Energy Tax Credits	For fossil fuels, alternative energy, and energy efficiency	Repeal most except R&D	N/A
Healthcare Benefits	Employer-provided health benefits excluded from income and payroll tax	N/A	<ul> <li>Limit exclusion for employer- provided health benefits</li> <li>New refundable credit for individuals without workplace coverage</li> </ul>
ObamaCare	Over a dozen new taxes (\$1 trillion over 10 years)	Repeal	Repeal
Employer provided Child Care Benefits	<ul> <li>25% credit on expenses for on-site child care</li> <li>10% credit on expenses for resources / referral Max credit \$150,000 / yr</li> </ul>	General call to increase credit cap	N/A

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# International Tax Reform

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Comprehensive US Tax Reform				
	Current	Trump	Brady / Ryan	
System	Worldwide (with deferral)	No change	Territorial (with 100% participation exemption for foreign dividends)	
Deferred Overseas Earnings	Taxed at full corporate rate with allowance for foreign tax credits upon repatriation	<ul> <li>One-time mandatory deemed repatriation</li> <li>10%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>One-time mandatory deemed repatriation</li> <li>Cash: 8.75%</li> <li>Non-cash: 3.5%</li> <li>Payable over 8 years</li> </ul>	
Future Foreign Income	Taxed at applicable corporate rate when repatriated	Tax profits as earned (ends deferral, maintains foreign tax credits)	100% dividend exemption on foreign earnings (0% tax)	
Border Adjustability	No	No	Destination-based cash flow tax on jurisdiction of consumption, not production (exports exempt)	
Inversions	20% foreign ownership threshold	Discouraged via more competitive tax code	Discouraged via more competitive tax code	

# Individual Tax Reform

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Comprehensive US Tax Reform			
	Current	Trump	Brady / Ryan
Rates	<ul><li>7 brackets</li><li>Top rate: 39.6%</li><li>Additional 0.9% Medicare tax</li></ul>	<ul><li> 3 brackets</li><li> Top rate: 33.0%</li><li> Repeal 0.9% Medicare tax</li></ul>	<ul><li> 3 brackets</li><li> Top rate: 33.0%</li><li> Repeal 0.9% Medicare tax</li></ul>
Individual AMT	Yes	Repeal	Repeal
Capital Gains & Dividends	<ul> <li>Short term: income rate</li> <li>Long term: 20%</li> <li>Additional 3.8% net investment income tax for high earners</li> <li>Dividends taxed as ordinary income</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Retain current-law rates and brackets</li> <li>Repeal 3.8% additional Medicare tax</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tax at ordinary income rates with 50% exclusion (effective top rate is 16.5%)</li> <li>Repeal 3.8% additional Medicare tax</li> </ul>
Interest Income	Taxed as ordinary income	N/A	Tax at ordinary income rates with 50% exclusion (effective top rate is 16.5%)
Standard Deduction	\$6,300 / \$12,600 (single / joint filing)	<ul> <li>\$15,000 / \$30,000</li> <li>Personal exemptions eliminated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$12,000 / \$24,000</li> <li>\$18,000 single filers with child</li> <li>Personal exemptions eliminated</li> </ul>

# Individual Tax Reform (Cont'd)

Comprehensive US Tax Reform			
	Current	Trump	Brady / Ryan
Mortgage Interest	Itemized deduction of interest up to \$1mm in acquisition indebtedness and \$100,000 in home equity indebtedness	Itemized deductions capped at \$100,000 and \$200,000 for single and joint filers, respectively	Retain current system
Charitable Giving	Fully deductible	Itemized deductions capped at \$100,000 and \$200,000 for single and joint filers, respectively	Retain current system
State / Local Deduction	Itemized deduction of state / local taxes or general sales tax	Itemized deductions capped at \$100,000 and \$200,000 for single and joint filers, respectively	Repeal
Estate Tax	<ul> <li>Top rate 40%</li> <li>Exemption of \$5.45 mm per spouse for 2016</li> <li>Additional tax may apply to generation-skipping transfers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeal but certain appreciated assets subject to capital gains tax if &gt; \$10 mm</li> <li>Disallows contributions to private charities established by descendents</li> </ul>	Repeal
ObamaCare	<ul> <li>0.9% Medicare Hospital Insurance</li> <li>3.8% Net Investment Income Tax</li> </ul>	Repeal	Repeal
Retirement Savings Plans	Permitted with contribution limits (Roth, 401Ks)	Retained	<ul> <li>Minor changes possible</li> <li>Additional new vehicles possible</li> </ul>

Source: CIB Capital Markets Strategy. Shearman & Sterling. Davis Polk. Deloitte. A Better Way. WSJ. Tax Policy Center. Tax Foundation. CBO.

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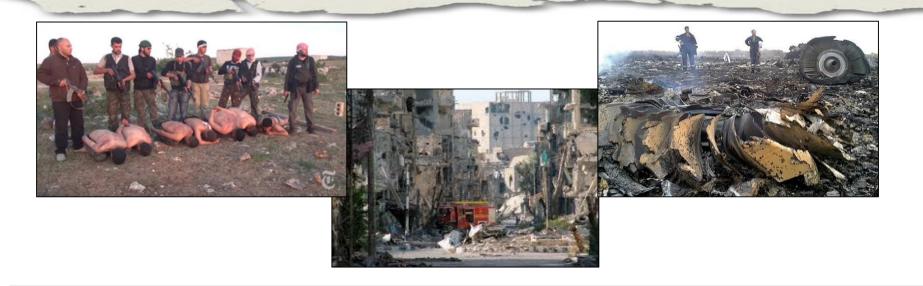
# III. Geopolitical Update: A world in turmoil





Even today, after the second failure of a another world war perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought piecemeal, with crimes, massacres, destruction."

- Pope Francis Redipulgia War Memorial, Italy September 12, 2014



# North Korea: The next US President's biggest global risk and headache



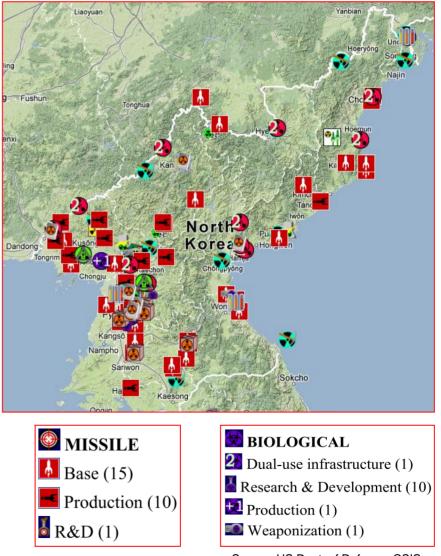
-North Korea has one of the largest stockpile of chemical and biological weapons in the world. It is estimated to be in possession of an estimated 5,000 metric tons of chemical weapons and capable of quickly assembling 12,000 metric tons more.

- They also possess dozens of nuclear weapons and may have thermonuclear weapons.

 In recent years, they have made considerable advancements in both shortrange and Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) capability – potentially capable of hitting the US.

- What they do not have (yet) is the capacity to put their chemical/biological or nuclear weapons on these missiles.

#### North Korea's Weapons of Mass Destruction



Source: US Dept. of Defense; CSIS



Country	Date	Event	What to watch
Netherlands	March 15 2017	Dutch Parliamentary elections	Will various eurosceptic parties emerge stronger than ever?
France	April & May 2017	Presidential Elections	Will Marine Le Pen and anti-EU elements score big gains?
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Germany	September 2017	German Federal Elections	Can Merkel win again? Will Schulz run? What about the AfD?

# The Middle East in Crisis: Evolution of the Sunni-Shia war for control of the region

- Iran is seen to be trying to build a "Shia Crescent" while Iran sees/fears being encircled by "Sunni Crescent."

- Proxy wars between Iran and Saudi Arabia now being fought in Syria and Yemen – and to some degree, in eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia itself.

- What will Trump do with the nuclear deal? Has the nuclear deal with Iran empowered them regionally? Or will it further spur the collective Sunni nations to up their defense efforts?
- The answer is "yes" to both which means conflict will become heightened.



# Saudi Arabia: Risky reforms and succession risk

-Saudi Arabia has launched Vision 2030; an ambitious plan to transform the country from an oil producing state into the world's leading tech and investment state.

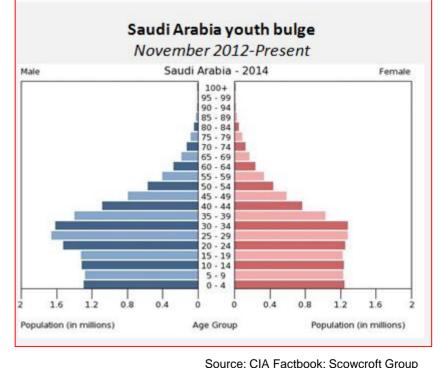
- Biggest challenges lie in demographic trends, workforce transition (70 percent of population is under the age of 30) and ongoing competition in global oil market.

- Critical to the success of the plan is also privatizing critical sectors ranging from oil to healthcare.

- Will Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (who has been tasked with managing the effort) succeed and will this accelerate the succession timetable?

- Will this plan actually work?

**Deputy Crown Prince** Mohammed bin Salman









# Russia: What sort of threat does he pose to west now?

- Western sanctions are taking a sizeable and painful bite out of Russia's economy; growth is negative (-0.8%) as deficit spending has increased (now 2% of GDP up from 1.1% in 2015).

- Low oil prices and pressure to maintain and improve the military in wake of Ukraine and Syria is a growing pressure point on Kremlin.

- Consolidation of intelligence services (FSB & SVR) are worrisome to west.

- But recent Duma elections solidified his power as well as crackdown on several oligarchs.

- Biggest worry for West: reigniting conflict in Ukraine or active destabilization/intervention in Baltic's or even Balkans.



Aircraft carriers

Nuclear warheads

Submarines

The Russian Federation



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Sources: World Bank: Washington Post; IISS

# Russia: Return of the empire or death of a nation?

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- Putin has his work cut out for him now and in advance of 2018 elections.

- Russia covers nine time zones and almost 7,000 miles end to end.

-The current Russian population:143 million. With the annexation of Crimea: 146 million.

- By 2030, the Russian population will have shrunk to136 million.

- By 2050, it will likely have shrunk to below 120 million and perhaps as low as 115 million (roughly the size of Mexico or Philippines today).

 Putin has also overseen the building or reconstruction of 23,000 Russian
 Orthodox Churches. And urged
 Russians to have lots of children
 (offering financial incentives).



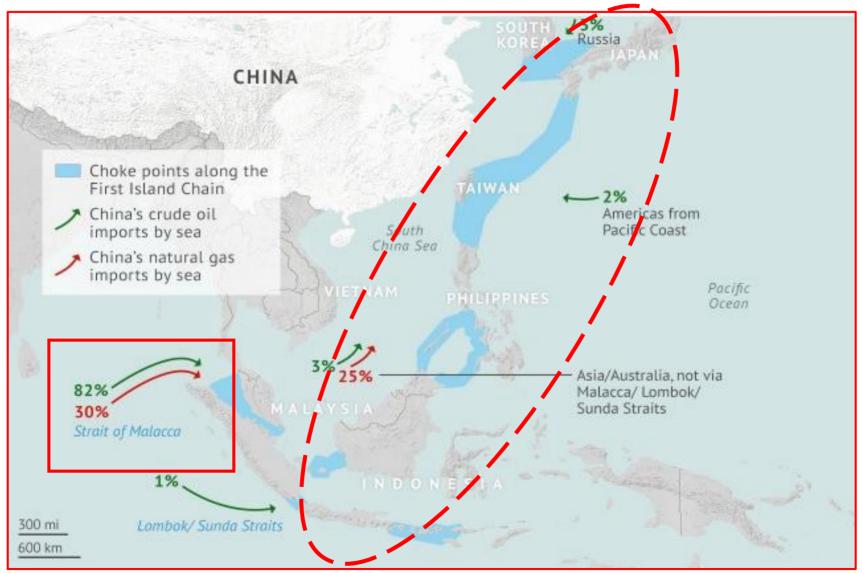
Natural population growth of Russia since 1950 Birth rate — Death rate — Natural growth



Sources: United Nations; American Enterprise Institute; Globe & Mail

## Understanding the Tensions in the South China Sea: It is all about China's shipping lanes

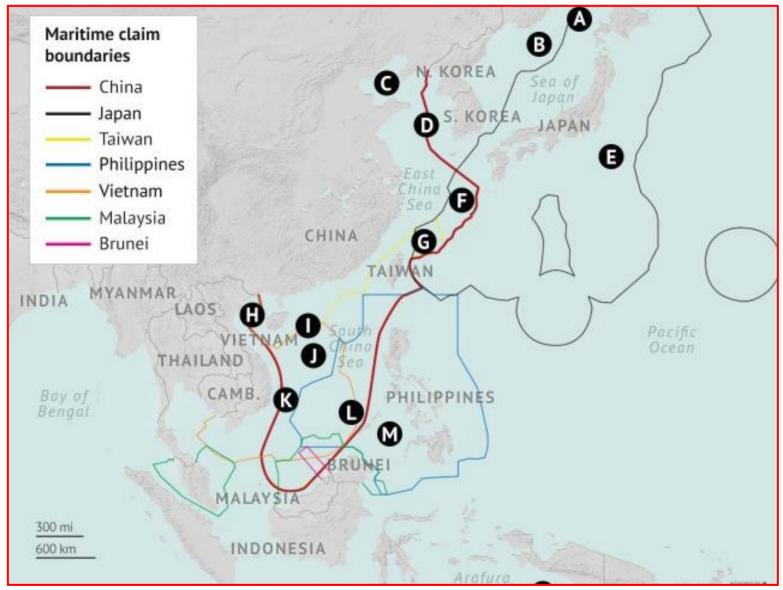




Sources: Stratfor; Rand Corp; US Dept. of Defense

# Who owns what? Good luck figuring these nautical boundaries out anytime soon





Source: Rand; Stratfor

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