

Missile Defense Planning

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The Bush administration has increased the prominence of missile defense systems in US military planning, but efforts have been underway for a long time to increase the role of missile defense systems.

The public debate so far has focused on whether various future missile defense system will work as intended, but less attention has been given to how current limited missile defense systems already operate. In addition, the 2001 [Nuclear Posture Review](#) intertwined offensive force planning with missile defense capabilities, and nuclear planners likely will seek to incorporate defensive capabilities into offensive strike planning in the future.

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