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China-US Relations in the Next 10 Years

The 2028 US Presidential Election & What It Means for Egypt

The Era of Engagement is Over – Welcome to Competitive Coexistence



Full Engagement
(1980–2015)



**Competitive
Coexistence**
2026–2036



**Cold War
Separation**

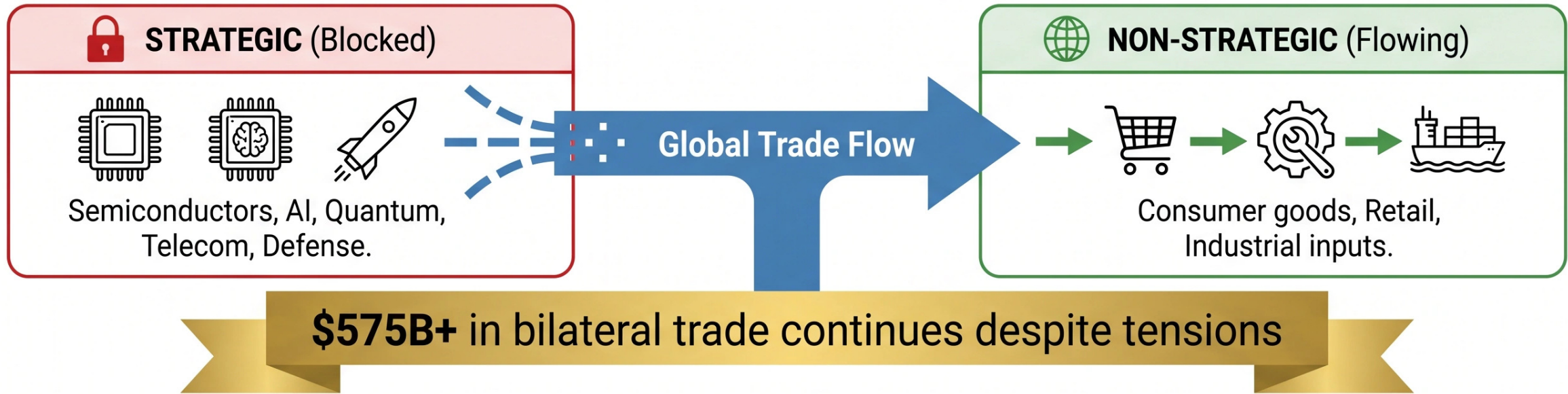
- **Strategic Reality:** The **40-year** era of US-China “engagement” has ended. Full Cold War separation is also unlikely.
- **Emerging Framework:** Strategic rivalry + partial economic separation + technological competition + military deterrence + continued deep interdependence.
- **Defining the Decade:** The defining framework for 2026–2036: “**Competitive Coexistence**”.
- **Long-Term Outlook:** Neither American collapse nor Chinese global domination — instead, a prolonged strategic competition lasting decades.
- **Investor Insight:** Middle powers gain leverage. **Egypt** is positioned to benefit.



PART 1

China-US Strategic Competition: The Next Decade

The Economic Relationship Fragments – But Does Not Collapse



Selective Decoupling



Semiconductors, AI, Quantum, Telecom, Defense.
 Advanced tech treated as national security infrastructure.

Continued Trade



Consumer goods, Retail, Industrial inputs.
 World economy still depends on Chinese manufacturing.

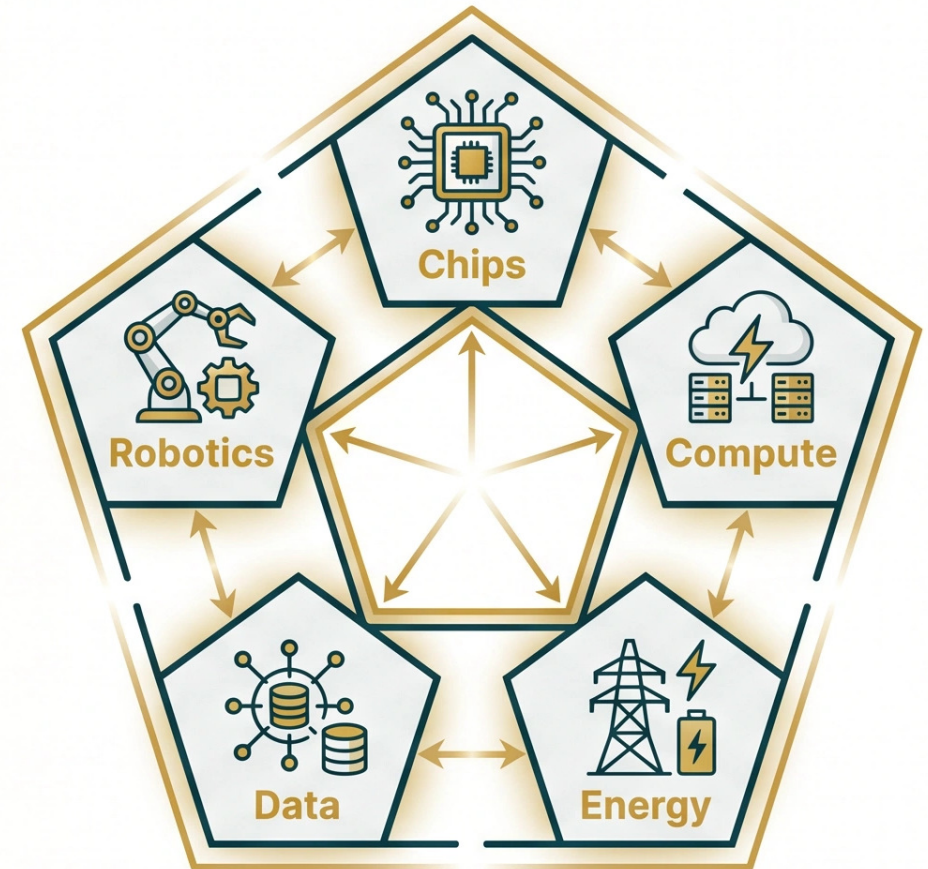
Supply Chain Regionalization



Diversification to Vietnam, India, Mexico, Indonesia, Egypt.
 “China-only” manufacturing becomes risky.

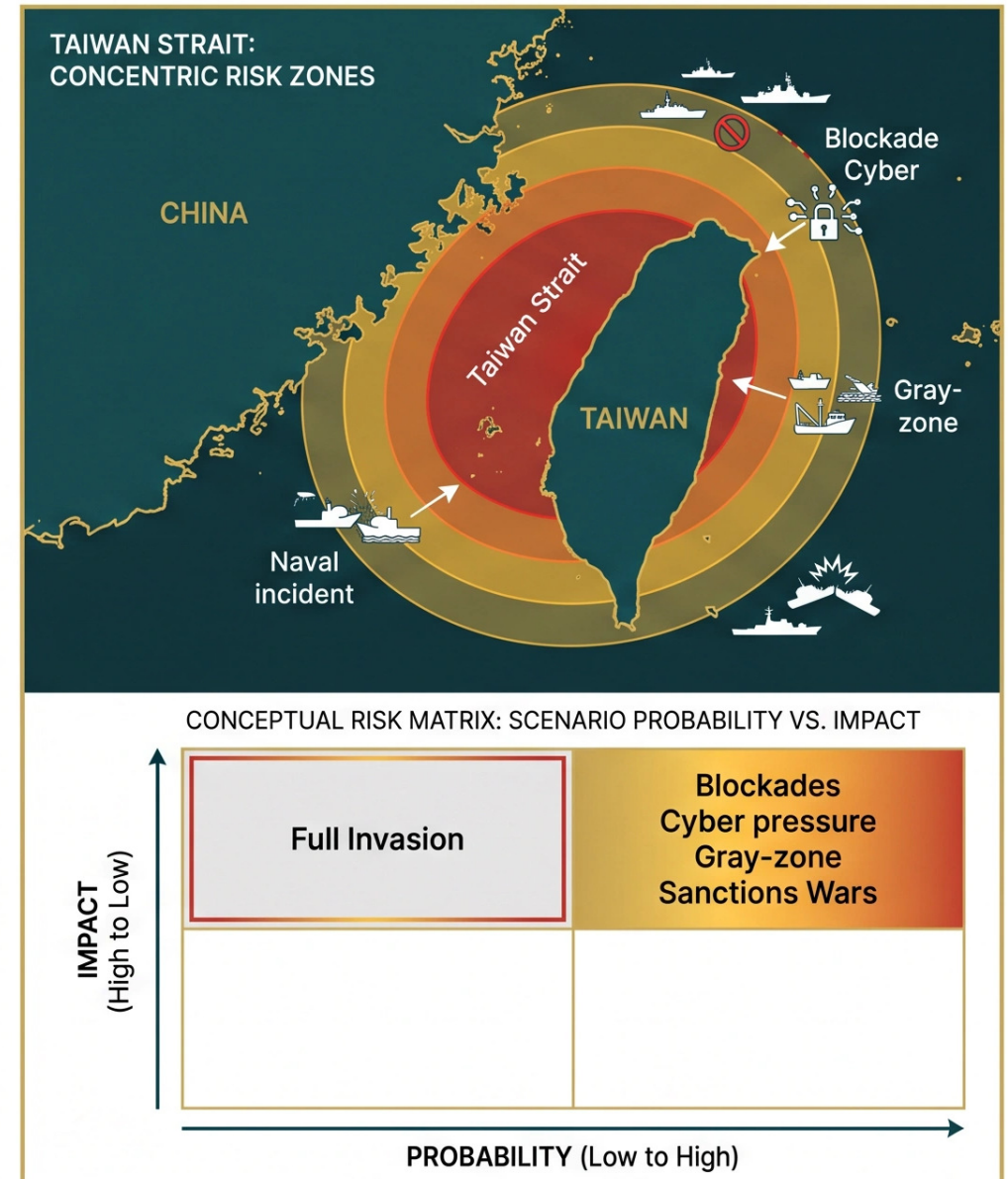
AI is the New Arms Race — Chips, Compute, Energy, Data, Robotics

- The real competition is technological dominance, not just military.
- Dominating AI infrastructure, energy, advanced semiconductors, and industrial deployment shapes the global economic hierarchy.
- Data centers, cloud systems, energy grids, and chip manufacturing are now **geopolitical assets**.
- Direct overlap with infrastructure investment themes: logistics, energy, data infrastructure, industrial ecosystems.

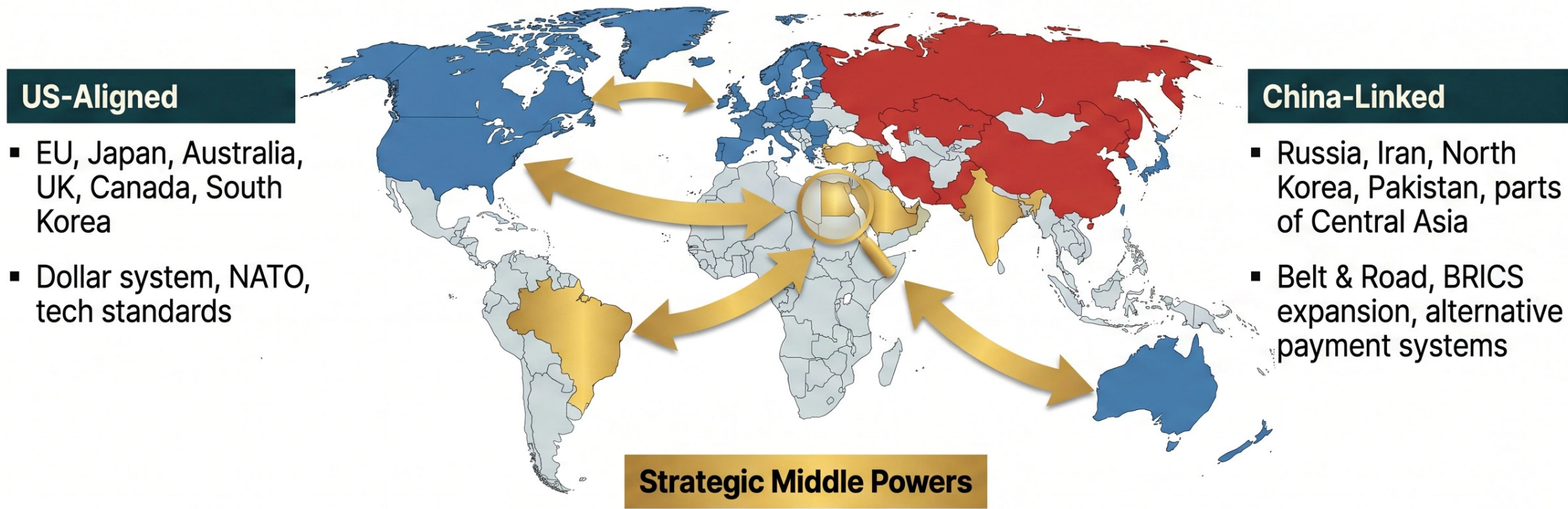


Taiwan: The World's Most Dangerous Flashpoint (But Not Likely Full Invasion)

- China views Taiwan as unfinished national reunification
- US views Taiwan as strategically critical — especially because of semiconductor dominance (TSMC produces **90% of advanced chips**)
- Most likely risks are NOT invasion but: Blockades, Cyber pressure, Gray-zone escalation, Naval incidents, Sanctions wars
- Both sides know direct war would be catastrophic economically
- Deterrence becomes the central dynamic



A New World Order: Three Blocs Emerge



US-Aligned

- EU, Japan, Australia, UK, Canada, South Korea
- Dollar system, NATO, tech standards

China-Linked

- Russia, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, parts of Central Asia
- Belt & Road, BRICS expansion, alternative payment systems

Strategic Middle Powers


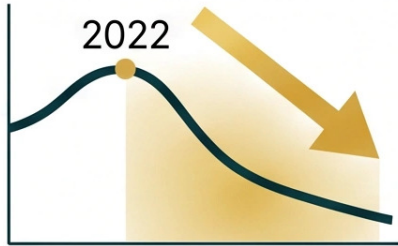
- Saudi Arabia, UAE, India, Turkey, Brazil, Egypt
 - Multi-alignment, leverage both systems

- Middle powers will increasingly benefit from both systems, avoid choosing fully, and maximize strategic leverage.
- This creates opportunities for logistics hubs, industrial zones, alternative financial platforms, and regional infrastructure.

China's Rise is Not Unstoppable – Four Structural Headwinds



Demographics

2022

Aging population, shrinking workforce, declining birth rates. Population peaked in 2022.

China's **working-age population** will shrink **by 200M+** by 2050




Debt & Property Stress




Real-estate-driven growth model under severe pressure.

Local government debt crisis.

Debt/GDP at Record High




Political Centralization




Consolidated power improves discipline but reduces flexibility and internal criticism.

Reduced Policy Agility



Middle-Income Trap



Must transition from manufacturing giant to innovation-led superpower.

Historically very difficult.

Innovation Transition Risk

America's Greatest Threat is Internal Dysfunction

ENDURING STRENGTHS

- Top universities & research
- Capital markets & reserve currency
- Innovation ecosystems
- Energy superpower
- Global alliances



CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

- Political polarization
- **\$35T+** national debt
- Social fragmentation
- Infrastructure gaps
- Political paralysis

Neither Side Fully Wins — The World Becomes Multipolar

Scenario Matrix

Impact / Probability	<p>US Dominance Restored (15%)</p> <p>China stagnates, US resolves internal issues</p>	<p>Chinese Hegemony (10%)</p> <p>US collapses internally, China overcomes challenges</p>
	<p>Competitive Coexistence (60%)</p> <p>Both powers constrained, world fragments, middle powers rise</p>	<p>Managed Decline (15%)</p> <p>Both face internal crises, global instability</p>
	<p>2026</p>	
	<p>2036</p>	

Key conclusion: The most probable future is a prolonged strategic competition lasting decades — creating structural opportunities for well-positioned middle powers.

A stylized graphic of the United States map in a light teal color, centered on a dark teal background. Overlaid on the map is a silhouette of the US Capitol building dome. The text 'PART 2' is written in a large, gold, serif font across the center of the map.

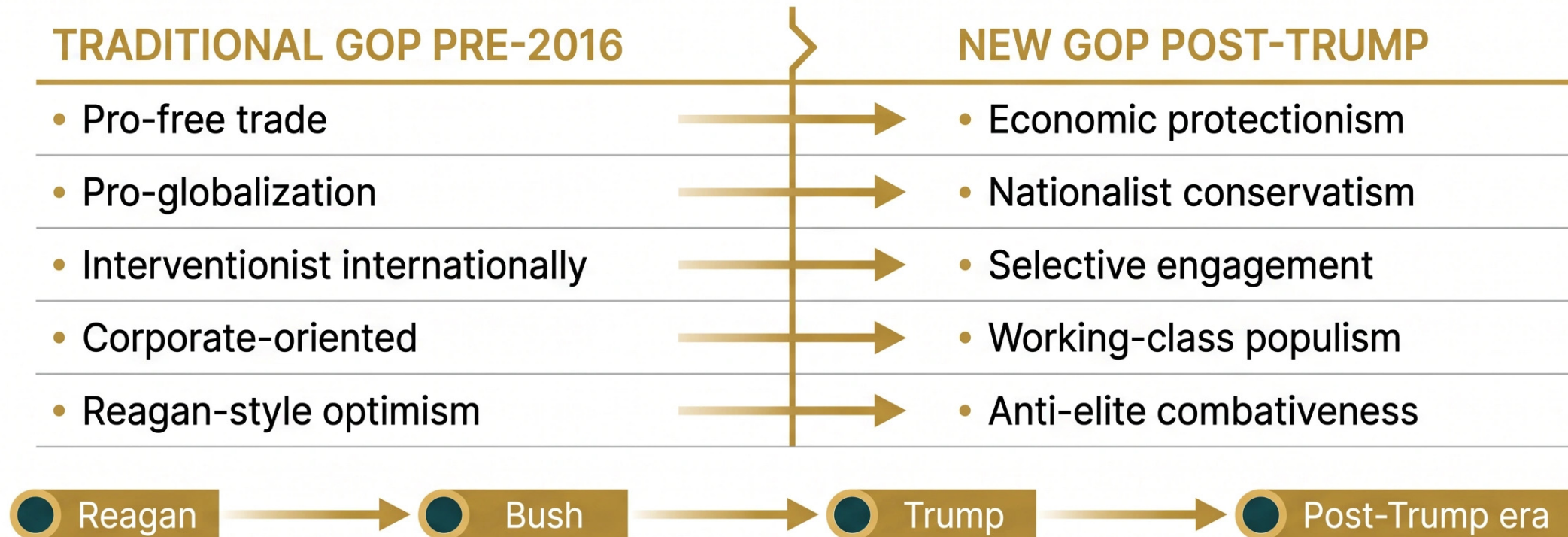
PART 2

The 2028 US Presidential Election:
Candidates, Factions & Global Impact



The Republican Party Has Fundamentally Transformed

- The key question is no longer ‘Who is conservative?’ but ‘Who can inherit or evolve Trumpism?’
- The modern Republican coalition favors: nationalist but not isolationist, tough on immigration, culturally conservative, skeptical of globalization, pro-energy, pro-manufacturing, media-aggressive, anti-establishment.



Four Figures Who Could Shape America's Next Chapter

JD Vance



JD Vance

Position: **Intellectual heir to Trumpism**

Strengths: Working-class appeal, articulate, younger

Weakness: Too ideological for moderates

China Policy: Aggressive decoupling, tariffs

Ron DeSantis



Ron DeSantis

Position: **Trump without the chaos**

Strengths: Conservative governance, executive executive image

Weakness: Voters preferred original Trump

China Policy: Hawkish but more institutional

Nikki Haley



Nikki Haley

Position: **Traditional internationalist**

Strengths: Donors, suburban GOP, national security

Weakness: Party base moved past her lane

China Policy: Traditional containment + alliances

Marco Rubio



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Position: **Evolved toward populist-national**

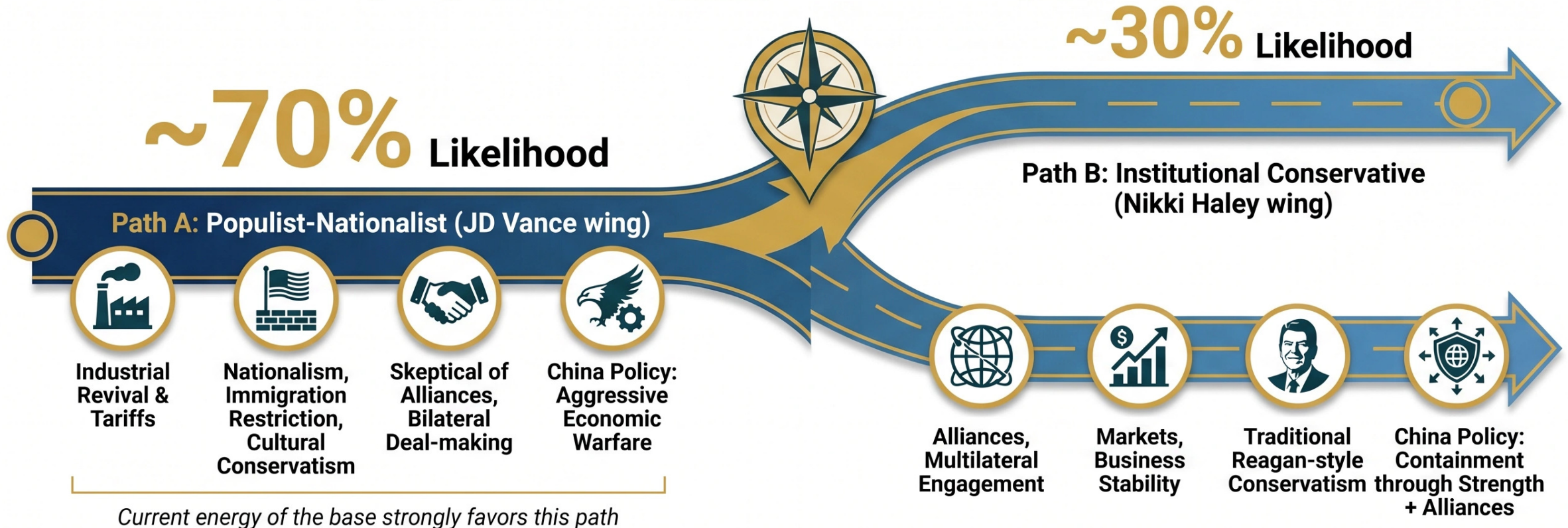
Strengths: Industrial policy, China hawk

Weakness: Lower name recognition

China Policy: Competition-focused, industrial policy

Post-Trump GOP: Two Competing Visions Will Define America's Global Posture

Assessment: The future Republican standard-bearer will likely keep **Trump's emotional connection** with voters but appear **younger, more disciplined, and more strategic.**





2028 Election Scenarios and Their Global Impact

Populist-Nationalist GOP wins (35%)



35%

- Maximum pressure, tariffs, decoupling acceleration.
- High opportunity for Egypt (supply chain diversification accelerates).

Institutional Conservative GOP wins (20%)

20%

- Alliance-based containment, targeted pressure.
- Moderate opportunity for Egypt.

Democrat wins (progressive) (25%)



25%

- Multilateral competition, climate-linked engagement.
- Mixed opportunity for Egypt.

Democrat wins (centrist) (20%)

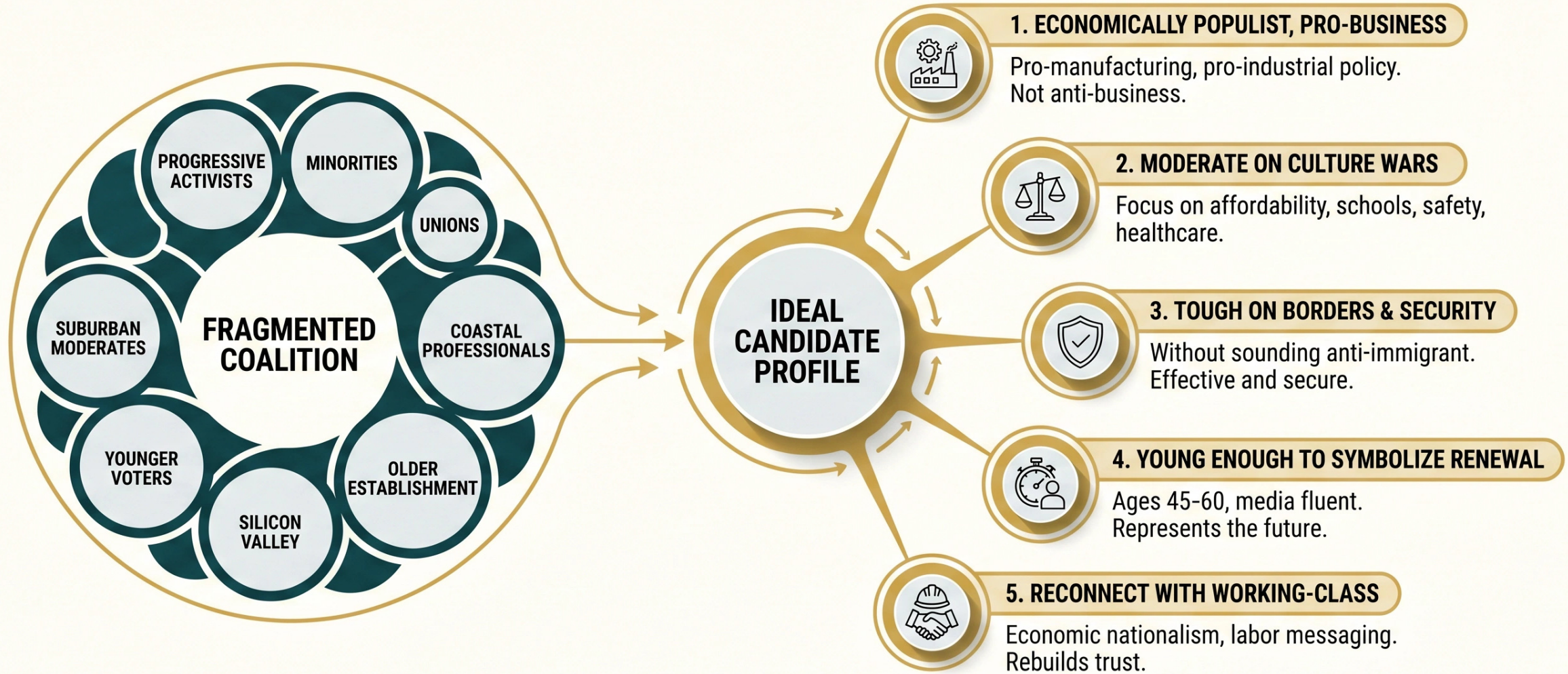


20%

- Continuation of Biden-era managed competition.
- Steady opportunity for Egypt.

Key Insight: Regardless of who wins, the structural trend toward **US-China competition continues**. The difference is **pace and style, not direction**.

The Democratic Party's Fragmented Coalition & Ideal Candidate



Key Democratic Figures for 2028 & The New Political Reality



Gretchen Whitmer

- STRONG EXECUTIVE IMAGE.
- MIDWEST APPEAL.
- PRAGMATIC TONE.



Josh Shapiro

- MODERATE.
- STRONG COMMUNICATOR.
- INSTITUTIONAL BUT RELATABLE.



Wes Moore

- YOUNG.
- CHARISMATIC.
- MILITARY BACKGROUND.
- INSPIRATIONAL STYLE.



Pete Buttigieg

- VERY ARTICULATE AND TECHNOCRATIC.
- THOUGH SOMETIMES SEEN AS TOO ELITE.



Rahm Emanuel

- STRONG OPERATOR AND STRATEGIST.
- BUT CARRIES ESTABLISHMENT BAGGAGE.

THE DEEPER REALITY

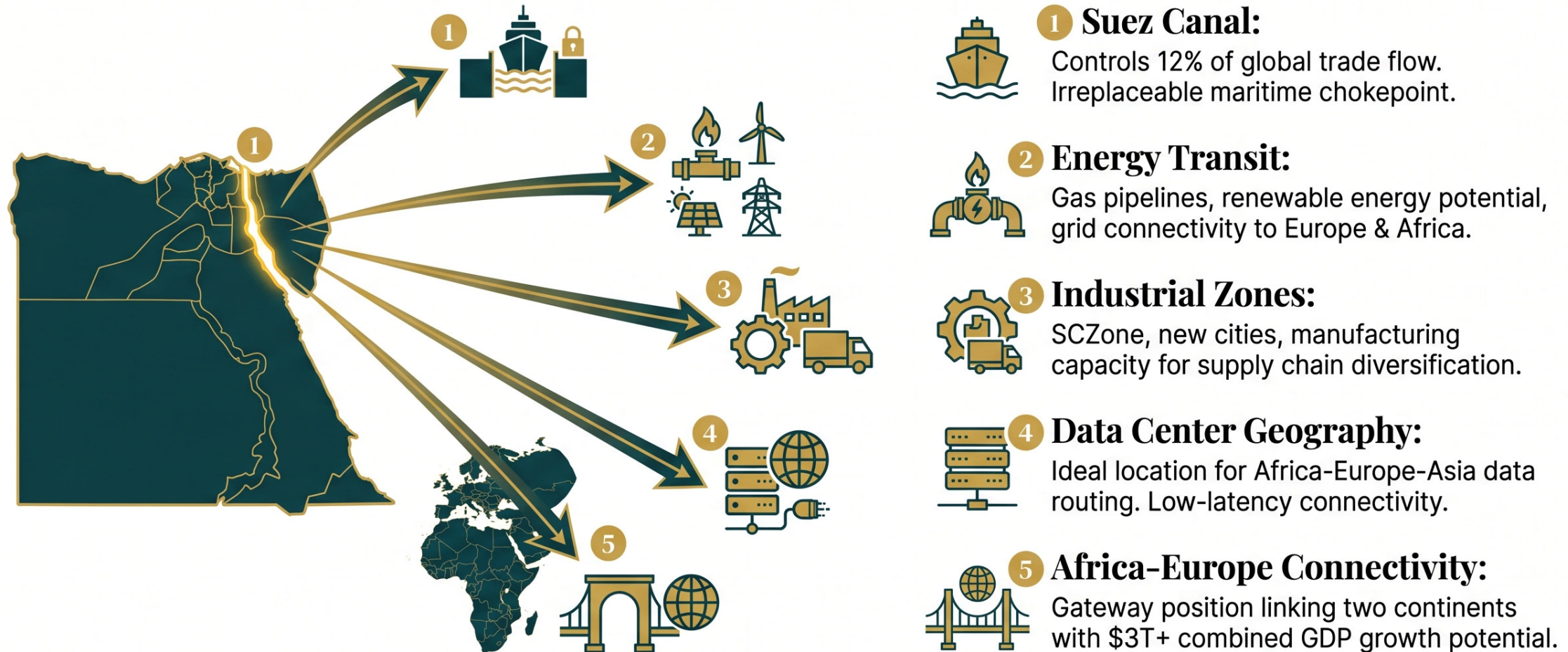
American politics is shifting from globalization-era politics toward **resilience-era politics**. Future winning candidates will focus on **supply chains, industrial policy, AI, energy, infrastructure, housing, healthcare affordability, and national competitiveness**.



PART 3

Egypt's Strategic Opportunity
in a Fragmented World

Egypt Sits at the Crossroads of the New Global Architecture



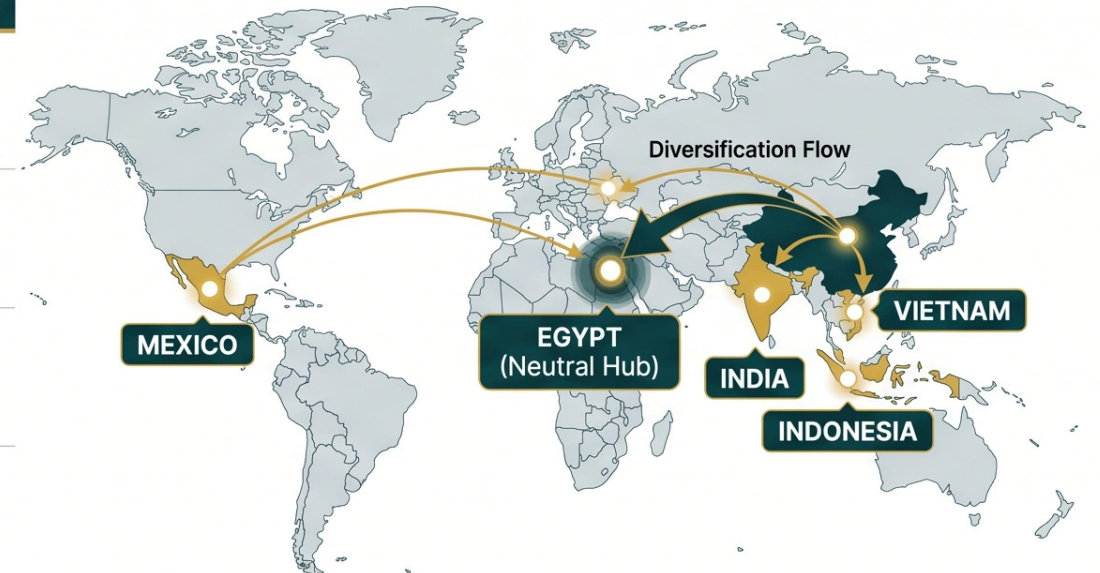
Positioning Egypt as a ‘Neutral Hub’ and ‘Strategic Infrastructure State’

Egypt joins Vietnam, India, Mexico, and Indonesia as a primary supply chain diversification beneficiary.

Strategic Pillars & Competitive Advantages (2026–2036)

Pillar ↕	Focus Area ↕	Timeframe ↕	Competitive Advantage
Logistics & Maritime Hub	Suez expansion, port infrastructure, free zones	2026–2030	Geography
Industrial Manufacturing Zones	Supply chain diversification from China	2026–2032	Labor cost, proximity to Europe, SCZone
Data Center & Digital Infrastructure	Africa-Europe data routing, cloud infrastructure	2027–2035	Cable landing points, energy
Alternative Financial Platforms	Cross-border payment, trade finance	2028–2036	Neutral positioning
Regional Energy Infrastructure	Green hydrogen, solar, grid interconnection	2026–2035	Solar irradiance, land

Global Supply Chain Diversification Map (China+1 Strategy)



Egypt's geographic advantage and strategic initiatives position it as a critical nexus for global trade, energy, and data flow, attracting significant investment.

The Next Decade Creates a Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity for Strategic Middle Powers

- 1 **China-US competition is structural, not cyclical** — it will persist regardless of who wins in 2028. The question is pace and intensity, not direction.
- 2 **The 2028 election determines the speed of fragmentation** — a populist-nationalist victory accelerates supply chain diversification; any outcome maintains the trend.
- 3 **Egypt's window is now** — countries that build strategic infrastructure, neutral positioning, and dual-system connectivity in the next 5–7 years will capture outsized value in the new global architecture.



In a fragmenting world, the **infrastructure of connectivity** becomes the **infrastructure of power.**



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