

USA: The Old Sheriff is Still in the Saddle

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In the context of the Iranian crisis, some fundamental aspects emerge that reflect the resilience and solidity of the United States as a world power. Despite geopolitical challenges and internal crises, the United States continues to maintain a structural power that rests on four fundamental pillars: technological primacy, universal currency, energy self-sufficiency, and a positive demography. These factors are essential to understand how Washington is facing a crisis involving allies like China and Russia, and how the dollar is discreetly returning to its role as a safe haven.

The Four Pillars of the United States

1. Technological Primacy

The United States remains the world leader in technological innovation, a sector where competition is fierce, particularly with China. Not only do the USA dominate in the field of civilian technologies, but they also continue to exert significant influence in military

technologies, as demonstrated by the recent military escalation in the Middle East. This primacy allows the United States to maintain a position of strength in various geopolitical scenarios, using technology as a powerful tool of power projection.

2. Universal Currency

The US dollar remains the global reference currency, despite challenges from other currencies like the euro and the Chinese yuan. The return of the dollar as a safe haven during geopolitical crises testifies to the trust that investors continue to place in the United States, even in times of global uncertainties. This consolidated role of the dollar is a fundamental resource for Washington's economic stability and its ability to exert influence on international markets.

3. Energy Self-Sufficiency

Another key element of the strength of the United States is their energy self-sufficiency. Unlike powers like China and Europe, the United States is not bound by the fluctuations of international energy markets. This independence places them in a favorable position, as they can ensure a stable and influential presence in strategic regions like the Middle East, where the control of energy resources is crucial for global geopolitical balance.

4. Positive Demography

The demography of the United States, characterized by relatively strong growth compared to other superpowers, is another determining factor. While China is facing a severe demographic crisis, the United States continues to benefit from a young and dynamic population, which ensures workforce and social stability. This aspect becomes even more important in a geopolitical context where economic and military strength is closely linked to the ability to maintain a competitive human capital.

The Challenge of China, Russia, and Multipolar Dynamics

Despite China's growing economic power and Russia's geopolitical role, both do not possess the same structural factors as the United States. China, while advancing technologically, faces a demographic crisis and still depends on fossil fuels, limiting its competitiveness. Russia, on the other hand, is affected by demographic decline and economic and technological difficulties, making its global position more fragile.

In the context of a multipolar world, these structural limits highlight the strength of the United States, which, through solid international alliances, maintain a strategic advantage. However, some allies question Washington's stability, as in the case of Israel, and alliances could evolve in the long term.

At the financial level, although the United States faces worsening public finances, other powers like China and Japan experience similar challenges. The real unknown remains internal consensus: growing political and social divisions could influence the political stability and global role of the United States, but their history has already seen internal crises without compromising their world leadership.

Conclusions

The United States is still able to exert global influence thanks to its four fundamental pillars: technological primacy, universal currency, energy self-sufficiency, and a positive demography. Although geopolitical challenges, such as the war in Iran and the growing rivalry with China, threaten their position, the United States still possesses a solid structural base that is unlikely to disappear in the short term. The Iranian crisis reminds us that, despite difficulties, America is not ready to abandon its role as a global superpower.