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SOCIAL STRATEGY: Analysts and observers reacting to the Obama administration's new National Security Strategy are focusing on President Barack Obama's emphasis on international partnership and cooperation. «The burdens of a young century cannot fall on American shoulders alone,» Obama said ahead of the new strategy's late-May rollout. But aside from Democratic supporters, the president ran into immediate skepticism. «The United States, the document explains, can no longer afford to be the world's sole policeman,» says **Christopher Preble** of the libertarian CATO Institute. «We need capable and willing partners to preserve global peace and prosperity. These are valid concerns. Unfortunately, the Obama administration lacks a vision for addressing them.» Elsewhere, conservative critics see a lack of acknowledgement over pressing threats, such as focusing on Islamic extremists. «Failing to acknowledge the enemy we face will not make the enemy disappear,» says Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.).

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