American Exceptionalism, American Decline?
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- Chief Executive Officers
- University Presidents
- Labor Leaders
- National Laboratory Directors
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1960s
1970s
1980s
1990s
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The Good:
- US remains a research leader
- US retains entrepreneurial edge
- US universities & labs are world class

The Bad:
- US leadership diminishing
- Competitors gaining strength rapidly
- Immigration, tax & regulatory barriers
- Manufacturing & energy competitiveness

The Ugly:
- US fiscal outlook
- K-12 education / STEM ed performance
- Skill gaps