Trump 2.0, the Philippines, and the South China Sea

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Trump 1.0 was OK for PH

PH and the region has built some resilience against Trump 2.0

Trump 2.0's effects are uneven across the international system

Outlook 1: US-China rivalry would be direct and focused on the military dimension

Outlook 2-A: US would abandon its support to the PH on the SCS

Outlook 2-B: PH would be OK under Trump 2.0, but relations with other US allies and Southeast Asia may suffer