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Dr. McGinn is also a widely acclaimed thought leader, author, and sought-after speaker. He has published numerous influential RAND monographs and articles in *The Hill*, *Business Insider*, *Defense News*, *Defense One*, *Washington Technology*, *War on the Rocks*, and *Joint Force Quarterly*. He has also testified before the U.S. Congress and the UK House of Commons and he is regularly interviewed and cited in outlets such as *USA Today*, *The Financial Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Politico*, *Government Matters*, *The National Journal*, *Defense and Aerospace Report*, *Federal News Network*, and *Time*. He has led advisory studies for and held leadership roles in the NATO Industrial Advisory Group, the Defense Science Board, the Aerospace Industries Association, and the Professional Services Council.

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