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See below from the Daily Beast today -- by a Republican, but still. Shows that we accomplished what we set out to do. Fair warning: the rest of the piece is about how S would be a better president than POTUS, but the headline is "Hillary's Home Run of a Speech." AM

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Behold the Hillary Doctrine. And heap abundant gratitude—and rose petals if you have them on hand—on the firm, unfussy, deeply reassuring woman who has just offered it up to the world.

In the 20 months since this administration began administering (a verb I use only in the loosest sense), the speech on Wednesday morning by Hillary Clinton, delivered at the Council on Foreign Relations, was the first time we have been given an unreserved lift of the heart by any of its members. It was, by far, the best speech of this administration. Whereas her president has frequently wrung his elegant hands, doing the rounds of the world to reassure foreign leaders that America is a cuddly bunny at heart, the secretary of State declared that we are all living "a new American moment—a moment when our global leadership is essential." There was no bowing from her to potentates in robes; there was, instead, a promise that "we will do everything we can to exercise the traditions of American leadership at home and abroad."

Try this for size: "The United States can, must and will lead in the new century." In order to do that, Clinton promised "a new global architecture," "built to last and withstand stress." And in a muscular departure from the way in which this administration—for fear of seeming Bush-like—has been shrinking from the unembarrassed propagation of American values, she uttered these plainspoken, unadorned words: "Democracy needs defending."

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