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**THIS PAGE:** The Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group transits the Strait of Gibraltar behind the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Mitscher (DDG-57) on 8 March 2021. (USN/Kaleb Sarten)



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