

Q# 08

If Trump wins the upcoming election how would that influence US policies towards Ukraine, NATO, Middle east, china and climate politics.

**Introduction**

Elections in the USA are not only crucial for the country but also for the whole world as USA is the hegemon and its hegemony permeates to all the continents. Rhetorically president Biden and former president Trump are poles apart thus if Rhetoric is pursued there would be a shift in the policies of USA towards Ukraine, NATO, middle east and climate politics. Donald Trump is the only president in the history of USA who has not waged a war thus it is likely that he would not support wars both in west Asia and Europe. Besides, he is climate sceptic and also views Nab a burden on USA's economy.

**1) USA's policy towards Ukraine if Trump wins**

Although Trump considers Putin one of his good friends and opposes the war in Ukraine but he is likely to support the war if comes in power due to the following reasons.

**(a) Ukraine would collapse if USA halts its support**

Ukraine possess zero potential to face Russian if ~~left~~ abandoned by USA and NATO, this would be

a huge setback for USA as this will pave the road for Russia's expansionist ambitions. John Mearsheimer predicts that Trump will continue the military support to Ukraine to prevent Ukraine from collapse. Thus Trump is likely to provide military and economic aid.

(b) **Russia's win is America's Loss of hegemony in Europe**

Traditionally USA enjoys dominance in the Europe, it has been a huge sphere of influence for USA. If Russia wins it will automatically kick out the USA from the continent. This is an unacceptable choice for USA thus it needs to strengthen Ukraine upto the hilt if it wants to maintain its hegemony. Serbia despite being a NATO member is reluctant to impose sanctions on Russia, The Guardian reports. This depicts the loss of control and power of USA and USA would never want to be weak in the Europe.

(c) **USA's War Economy is booming**

Despite the Economic recessions and Inflation around the world USA's Economy especially weapons industry is booming. If the war ends it would be a setback for USA thus Trump is likely to maintain the status quo as the recent decision of Muhammad Bin Salman to not continue the Petro-dollar deal and de-dollarization

BRICS is already threatening

The hegemony of US dollar Trump would not risk any pivotal engine of his economy.

**2) a) USA's policy towards NATO if Trump wins**

If Trump wins the election he is likely to urge the members for enhancing their share of defense along with USA.

**(a) Trump is unlikely to abandon NATO**

Trump would not leave NATO alone especially, under such critical circumstance when the war in Ukraine is already threatening Europe. The Economist reports that if USA abandons NATO there are huge chances that states will move towards nuclearization as Russia invasion has threatened the lives of people in Europe.

Trump would not want such scenario to emerge. Thus, America would continue its share that is almost 2.5 of GDP on defense.

**(b) Trump will urge NATO members for spending more on defense**

Mr Trump has made it clear "we would not support NATO allies against aggression from Russia if you do not pay for your defense". This would in turn be a threat for the members. ~~whereby~~ Thus he would make them spend 2% of GDP on defense.

**(c) Trump will strengthen NATO to deal with deteriorating situation in Balkans**

Despite being NATO member the recent war in Ukraine has also threatened the peace in Balkans. The Bloomberg reports that, there has been rise in ethnic conflicts in Balkans since the outbreak of war in Ukraine. Chaos in these region would harm USA's interest thus it would stabilize the situation using NATO alliance.

### 3) USA's policy towards middle east if Trump wins

USA's policy towards middle east if Trump wins would see a slight shift. The popular opinion is pro-palestian but Trump is pro-Israeli he was the one to accept **jerusalem as capital of Israel during his presidency.**

#### (a) Trump will agree to ceasefire

Trump will bring both parties to ceasefire as the further continuam of war would turn Gaza beyond a ~~mess~~ hell **UN reported that famine has ensued in Gaza.** Thus out of pressure from the world he would bring both parties to ceasefire.

#### (b) will continue the narrative of providing iron-clad support to Israel.

Trump, even if he brings a halt to war he would not stop supporting Israel.

#### (c) Continue and urge the states in middle east to normalise ties with Israel.

The Abraham accords was the success story of Donald Trump while he was president. He would urge Saudi Arabia to normalise ties with Israel.

#### 4) USA's policy towards china if Trump wins

Trump is the huge supporter and founder of many of the anti-chinese policies. He has termed china "USA's biggest enemy".

##### (a) Trade war would escalate

Trump initiated the trade war with china and he is likely to exacerbate it when comes to power again.

Trump states china is pursuing protectionist trade policies, and is involved in

intellectual property theft. The war would escalate in Trump's era. According to report published by the Economist the recent trade war would dominate the fields of AI and green energy between china and USA. China blames that USA is violating free trade agreements.

##### (b) Anti-china alliances would be strengthened.

Trump is likely to strengthen the anti-china alliances such as QUAD and AUKUS

##### (c) Taiwan would be strengthened to further annoy china

Trump will surely continue the

Policy of Biden towards Taiwan as it is alleged by US security forces that China is **planning to annex Taiwan by 2030**. This has threatened ~~Taiwan~~ USA thus supporting Taiwan is compulsory for USA if it wants to contain China.

**s) USA's Policy towards climate politics if Trump wins**

During his presidency in 2017 left Paris peace agreement. he stated that this is "threatening USA's economy and put USA at a permanent disadvantage". Thus he is reluctant to be an active member in climate politics.

**(a) Trump is climate ~~sceptic~~ sceptic**

He did not consider climate change as an existential threat to human race.

**(b) Trump is unlikely to materialize the loss and damage fund**

His scepticism would lead to the failure of nascent loss and damage fund policies.

**conclusion**

President Joe Biden was critical of Trump but he continued most of his policies regarding <sup>Europe</sup> ~~Europe~~, nato, <sup>west</sup> Asia and China. Likewise, Trump is also predicted to follow the course of President Biden with slight variations as the geopolitical

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and geoeconomic rivalry has brought  
a transformation in the world. USA will  
do anything to maintain the status  
quo even if policies of Biden to be  
continued Trump would do it.