

## 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 Nato a burden on USA's economy.

### i) 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 Russia 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 to Ukraine.

(b) **Stick to policies**  
Russia's win is America's loss of hegemony in Europe

Traditionally USA enjoys dominance in 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 up to the hill if "want to shatter 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 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 of BRICS is already threatening him.

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 E.U 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 Nato members.

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 those regions would harm USA's interest thus it would stabilize the situation since 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-palestinian 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 continuation 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 half 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.

(d) USA's policy towards China  
If Trump wins

Trump is the huge supporter and founder of many of the anti-china 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 escalate 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 open economy 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 likely to 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 the USA thus supporting Taiwan is compulsion for USA if it wants to contain China.

### 5) 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  
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 Europe, NATO, 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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