



Defense/Foreign Policy

- May favor declaring that the United States will not honor NATO's Article 5 mutual defense clause unless all NATO countries spend at least 2% of their GDP on defense.¹⁵¹
- May support decreasing U.S. funding for NATO.¹⁵²
- Suggested plans to decrease or end U.S. economic and military assistance to Ukraine.¹⁵³
- May support expanding U.S. nuclear arsenal through increasing plutonium pits, modifying nuclear missiles to carry more warheads, mobilizing highway-mobile nuclear launch vehicles, uploading reserve nuclear warheads that are currently dormant, and reviving explosive nuclear testing.¹⁵⁴
- Supports increasing U.S. missile defense infrastructure.¹⁵⁵
- May favor increasing tensions with China to establish boundaries.¹⁵⁶
- May support imposing costs such as sanctions on China for fostering global chaos.¹⁵⁷
- Is expected to support increasing U.S. military capabilities under the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM).¹⁵⁸
- Trump's 2024 Republican Party Platform supports a 5% increase¹⁵⁹ in DoD appropriations.¹⁶⁰
- Expected to favor limiting U.S. government criticism of nationalist and authoritarian regimes.¹⁶¹

¹⁵¹ Max Bergmann, "How European Transatlanticists Might Approach an Isolationist U.S. Administration," Csis.org, 2024, <https://www.csis.org/analysis/how-european-transatlanticists-ht-approach--migationist-us-administration>.

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¹⁵³ Angela Stent, "How Would Trump and Harris Handle the Russia-Ukraine War?," Brookings, October 2024, <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/how-would-trump-and-harris-handle-the-russia-ukraine-war/>.

¹⁵⁴ The Economist, "America and Its Allies Are Entering a Period of Nuclear Uncertainty," The Economist (The Economist, April 4, 2024), <https://www.economist.com/briefing/2024/04/04/america-and-its-allies-are-entering-a-period-of-nuclear-uncertainty>.

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¹⁵⁶ Matt Pottinger and Mike Gallagher, "No Substitute for Victory," Foreign Affairs, April 10, 2024, <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/no-substitute-victory-pottinger-gallagher>.

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¹⁵⁹ Zachary Halaschak and Mike Brest, "Wicker Plan to Spend 5% of GDP on Defense Runs up against Tough Budget Realities - Washington Examiner," Washington Examiner - Political News and Conservative Analysis About Congress, the President, and the Federal Government, June 6, 2024, <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/finance-and-economy/3029148/wicker-plan-5-percent-gdp-defense/>.

¹⁶⁰ ICYMI: RNC Platform Committee Adopts 2024 Republican Party Platform, "ICYMI: RNC Platform Committee Adopts 2024 Republican Party Platform," GOP, 2024, <https://www.gop.com/press-release/icymi-rnc-platform-committee-adopts-2024-republican-party-platform/>.

¹⁶¹ "The World Is Contemplating a Second Trump Administration," *Wall Street Journal*, August 28, 2023, <https://www.wsj.com/world/the-world-is-contemplating-a-second-trump-administration-f6e970c4>.

- May support exchanging security guarantees to Taiwan in exchange for trade concessions from China.¹⁶²
- Expected to support resuming a campaign of maximum pressure towards Iran.¹⁶³
- Expected to favor significantly boosting U.S. military assistance to Israel.¹⁶⁴
- Supports engaging in diplomacy with Russia to end the Russo-Ukrainian War.¹⁶⁵
- May support pressuring Ukraine to cede territory to Russia.¹⁶⁶

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