



The Impact of the 2024 U.S. Elections on Europe's Strategic Position

Analyzing potential impacts of Trump vs. Harris on Europe's Future.



U.S.-Europe Relations: A Shifting Landscape

This presentation analyzes the dynamics of U.S.-Europe relations under the Trump and Biden-Harris administrations, comparing their foreign policy approaches and exploring the implications for European strategic autonomy.

2024 U.S. Election Overview

- The two main candidates are Donald Trump (Republican) and Kamala Harris (Democrat).
- The candidates will focus on political platforms and campaign issues.
- Domestic U.S. politics will likely influence foreign policy decisions.



U.S.-Europe Relations under Trump (2016-2020)



1 NATO Pressure

Trump's pressure on NATO allies to increase defense spending.

2 Trade & Multilateralism

Preference for bilateral trade deals and skepticism of multilateralism.

3 Withdrawal from Agreements

Withdrawal from international agreements (e.g., Paris Accord, Iran Deal).

U.S.-Europe Relations under Biden-Harris (2021-2024)



1 Renewed Commitments

Renewed commitment to NATO and multilateral institutions.

2 Rejoining Agreements

Rejoining global agreements (Paris Accord, WHO).

3 Diplomacy-First Approach

Diplomacy-first approach on climate change and global security.

Comparative Analysis: Foreign Policy Outlook of Trump vs. Harris

America First vs. Multilateralism

Trump's "America First" vs. Harris's multilateralism.

Policy Changes

Changes in defense, trade, and climate policy.

Impacts on Institutions

Impacts on NATO, EU, and international organizations.

Europe's Strategic Challenges in a Trump Presidency



1 NATO & Troop Withdrawals

Potential weakening of NATO and U.S. troop withdrawals.

2 Trade Wars & Tariffs

Trade wars and tariffs affecting EU economies.

3 Strained Coordination

Strained coordination with the U.S. on Russia and China.



Europe's Strategic Challenges in a Harris Presidency

1 NATO & Collective Security

Continued focus on NATO and collective security.

2 Responses to Russia & China

Coordinated responses to Russia and China.

3 European Defense

Expectations for European defense spending and self-reliance.

Impact on Italy's Role in Europe and Global Politics under Trump

1 U.S. Defense Commitments

Italy's reliance on U.S. defense commitments.

2 Potential Trade Tensions

Potential trade tensions with the U.S.

3 EU Solidarity & National Interests

Balancing EU solidarity with national interests.





Impact on Italy's Role under Harris

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NATO & Defense Collaboration

Stronger NATO ties and defense collaboration.

2

Climate & Trade Cooperation

Opportunities for climate and trade cooperation.

3

Strategic Autonomy

Italy's role in Europe's push for strategic autonomy.

Potential Shifts in EU-U.S. Strategic Coordination

NATO's Future

NATO's future under Trump vs. Harris.

Trade & Economic Competition

Trade relations and economic competition.

Approaches to Russia & China

Coordinated vs. independent approaches to Russia and China.



Europe's Need for Strategic Autonomy

1 Military Capabilities

Calls for greater European military capabilities.

2 Sovereignty

Energy and digital sovereignty.

3 Internal Divisions

Internal divisions on security and defense within the EU.

The Role of NATO in a Post-2024 World



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Potential Trump Disengagement

Potential U.S. disengagement under Trump.

2

Strengthened NATO under Harris

Strengthened NATO under Harris.

3

European Defense Initiatives

European defense initiatives to compensate for U.S. reductions.

Giorgia Meloni's Position on U.S. Election Outcomes



Trump Alignment

Meloni has aligned with Trump's nationalist stance, advocating for a more assertive and independent Italy on the global stage.



Balancing Interests

Meloni aims to balance Italy's national interests with its commitments to NATO and the EU, navigating a complex geopolitical landscape.



Harris Cooperation

Meloni has indicated a pragmatic approach to cooperation with Harris, recognizing the importance of a strong U.S.-Italy relationship.

Conclusion: Europe at a Crossroads

- Uncertainty of U.S. commitment to Europe
- Europe's need for strategic autonomy in defense and technology
- Italy's balancing act between NATO, the EU, and national interests

