

# 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.
- 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.
- Rejoining AgreementsRejoining global agreements (Paris Accord, WHO).
- Diplomacy-First ApproachDiplomacy-first approach on climate change and global security.

## Comparative Analysis: Foreign Policy Outlook of Trump vs. Harris

America First vs. Multilateralism

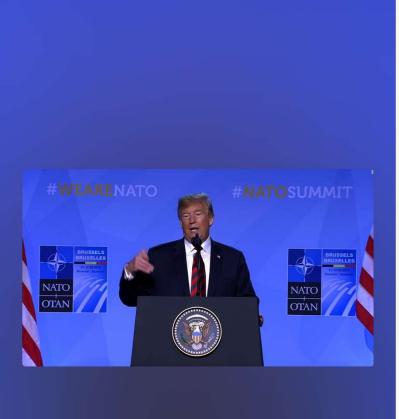
Trump's "America First" vs. Harris's multilateralism.

**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

- NATO & Troop Withdrawals

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

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.
- 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

- 1 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

- Military CapabilitiesCalls for greater European military capabilities.
- SovereigntyEnergy and digital sovereignty.
- 3 Internal Divisions
  Internal divisions on security and defense within the EU.



### The Role of NATO in a Post-2024 World



#### 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

