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US Presidential Elections 2024

Trump's Return to Presidency A New Chapter for Global and Domestic Policy

Donald Trump's victory in the 2024 US presidential election marks a historic shift with potential global implications. Former President Donald Trump is set to return as the 47th President of the United States after winning the recently concluded presidential election. His return is expected to lead to a more nationalist and transactional approach to US foreign policy, impacting key areas like climate action, European unity, and security challenges for allies such as Ukraine and Taiwan. While strategic experts anticipate an expansion of India-US ties, issues around tariffs, immigration, and trade could create friction. President Biden has promised a peaceful transition, urging unity among Americans. As Trump reshapes the US's role on the world stage, longstanding alliances, including with Britain, may be redefined.

Trump's campaign pledges to increase tariffs, particularly against China, and a strict immigration policy signals a shift in US domestic and foreign priorities. His win has stirred concerns among allies who fear a less cooperative US stance on global issues. This evolving landscape will test the adaptability of international alliances and partnerships.

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Trump took a victory lap in Washington Gaya Gupta The New York Times November 14, 2024	President-elect Donald Trump returned to Washington, meeting briefly with President Biden and celebrating with Republican congressmen. Trump joked about a third term and introduced key appointments, including Pete Hegseth as defense secretary, Marco Rubio as secretary of state, and Tulsi Gabbard as director of national intelligence, forming an "America First" team. Meanwhile, Kyiv is adjusting its stance on peace negotiations, now prioritising security guarantees over territorial issues, as Trump pushes for a quick resolution to the Ukraine war.
Play smart, India, not smug: Chuffed for being 'liked' by Trump Inc should give way to a hard-headed agenda Indrani Bagchi ET Bureau November 13, 2024	Donald Trump's <u>surprise presidential victory</u> has sent shockwaves through America, leaving Democrats reeling and questioning their strategies. Trump's cabinet appointments signal a hardline approach to immigration, a tougher stance on Ukraine, and a focus on strategic competition with China. This presents both challenges and opportunities for India, requiring a pragmatic approach to leverage potential convergences with the new administration.
Trump Is Set to Elevate China Hawks, Deepening Beijing Rift Bloomberg November 12, 2024	US President-elect Donald Trump is poised to pick two men with track records of harshly criticising China for key posts in his administration, a sign ties between the superpowers may deteriorate further in coming years.
India gets Trump-ready, draws up new policy briefs Banikinkar Pattanayak ET Bureau November 8, 2024	Following Donald Trump's election as US president, Indian officials are drafting policy briefs on trade and investment. These aim to address potential concerns about India's trade practices and highlight investment opportunities, particularly in infrastructure and supply chain diversification away from China. Trump has described India a "tariff king," and during his latest poll campaign, called it a "very big (trade) abuser", while maintaining his strident criticism of China's trade policies.
Xi calls for stable, healthy Sino- US ties Zhang Yunbi China Daily November 8, 2024	Following the US presidential election, China has called for a stable, cooperative relationship with the US, emphasising the benefits of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence. President Xi Jinping's message highlighted the importance of managing differences constructively and expanding cooperation, aligning with global expectations for stability. While economic

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	interdependence remains high, tensions around security issues like Taiwan persist, with China urging the US to respect its core interests. Analysts note that both nations have shown willingness to avoid turmoil, but caution that US hawks may push for decoupling and heightened confrontations.
'Buckle up': Asia's tech industry braces for bumpy ride under Trump Nikkie Asia Lauly Li, Cheng Ting-Fang, Cissy Zhou and Kim Jaewon November 8, 2024	From higher China tariffs to pressure to invest in America, tech companies across Asia are bracing for the impact of Donald Trump's return to the White House after the former president secured reelection by a decisive margin. Businesses have already been speeding their shift of capacity away from China this year in an attempt to mitigate geopolitical risks under a second Trump administration, according to suppliers to Apple, Tesla, Google and Nintendo.
Trump 2.0 may bolster India's space and tech scene The Economic Times November 7, 2024	India's science and technology sector anticipates continued collaboration with the U.S. under Donald Trump's next administration. Existing partnerships in space exploration, quantum computing, and AI are expected to flourish, bolstered by initiatives like iCET and the India-US Global Challenges Institute. Key partnerships, such as the Isro-Nasa agreement on space projects, continue to strengthen, particularly with joint initiatives like the Nisar satellite for Earth observation.
Donald Trump just won the presidency. Our experts answer the big questions about what that means for America's role in the world Atlantic Council November 6, 2024	Experts weigh in on the potential global impact of Donald Trump's election as U.S. president, examining possible shifts toward isolationism and new approaches to foreign policy. They foresee likely changes in U.S. relations with NATO, trade partnerships, and defence commitments. Concerns arise over Trump's stance on climate policy, trade agreements, and cooperation with countries like Russia and China, signalling possible challenges to international stability and the global order. The analysis reflects uncertainty about Trump's strategies and their farreaching effects on the global stage.
Top Three Reasons Why Trump Won Ekaterina Blinova Sputnik International	Donald Trump's victory in the 2024 U.S. presidential election is attributed to three main factors: his strong grassroots support, especially from economically struggling regions, his ability to mobilise discontent with the establishment, and his effective communication of

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November 6, 2024	populist messages. Trump's appeal to voters in key
	battleground states, alongside backing from influential figures like Elon Musk, helped solidify his position.
	Additionally, his anti-establishment rhetoric resonated
	with a significant portion of the electorate disillusioned
	with political elites.
The shocking US election result	Donald Trump's re-election signals a transformative shift
will create a new world order –	not only for the United States but for the global order. For
and launch a fresh wave of	decades, the US was viewed as a cornerstone of liberal
Trump wannabes	democracy and stability. However, Trump's return to
Martin Kettle	power challenges that role, pushing a more nationalist,
The Guardian	transactional approach to international relations. This shift
The Guardian	threatens key issues such as climate action, European
November 6, 2024	unity, and security for nations like Ukraine and Taiwan.