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Trump Still Controls U.S. Foreign Policy, a Fool and an Imperialist

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While Democrats crushed Republicans in the midterm elections, taking control of both houses of Congress, President Donald Trump still controls foreign policy, making a fool of himself and endangering the world. [1]

After the election, Vice-president J.D. Vance said, “The reason we lost was the war.” And many concur, yet Trump has not taken steps to end the war, keeping two U.S. aircraft carriers with their 13,000 troops in the area, and the U.S. last bombed Iran on November 17. Recent polls show that 60% of. all Americans and even 51% of Republicans oppose the war. Trump is apparently unmoved by U.S. public opinion or the Republicans disastrous election defeat.

While the Iran war is the most important international issue, Trump also moves ahead in other areas with his dangerous and often foolish foreign policies. At the summit meeting in November in Shenzhen, with Xi Jinping of China and Vladimir Putin of Russia, Trump described both dictators as friends, even though both are allies of Iran, Russia providing Iran military intelligence and arms, and China buying 80% to 90% of Iran’s oil, sustaining its economy. At the summit, Trump made no demands that they stop supporting Iran nor did he demand that Russia end its war on Ukraine. Over the last two years, Trump’s support for Russia and hostility to Ukraine—to which he has cut off all military aid—has become absolutely clear.

Trump was flattered by the pomp and ceremony of the summit whose only product was a shallow and hypocritical “Declaration Toward Peace” that said a nuclear war “cannot be won and must never be fought,” called for more oil production, and demanded reform of the United Nations to eliminate the International Criminal Court. The ICC has outstanding arrest warrants for both Putin and for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump’s ally in the war on Iran.

They may be Trump’s friends, but they are not America’s. A Harvard poll conducted last month founds that 68% of voters believe Putin is dragging out negotiations on Ukraine rather than seeking peace. Two different polls in 2025 revealed that 84% of U.S. voters have no confidence in Putin. A 2025 poll found that 75% of U.S. adults had no confidence in Xi Jinping to do the right thing.

In January U.S. forces seized President Nicolás Maduro and Trump announced his plans to continue to control Venezuela and administer its petroleum industry through U.S. oil companies. Though 40% of Americans oppose U.S. involvement, 30% are unsure, and only 20% support it. Nevertheless the U.S. continues to deepen its imperial venture. U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth visited Caracas, Venezuela this month and announced that he and Venezuela’s acting President Delcy Rodríguez had signed an agreement to re-establish bilateral military ties.

Finally, Cuba. Shortly before the midterms, Trump said, “Actually, what we're going to do with Cuba is, we're going to come back from Iran. Those beautiful ships will pass Cuba. We'll have one of them stop about 50 yards off the coast. They'll raise up their hands. And then we're going to send (Secretary of State) Marco Rubio in to finish up the deal.” Since the midterms Trump has remarked, “I want to get Cuba done before I leave.” And that he would “certainly consider” U.S. military intervention. Meanwhile, Trump has increased the pressure on Cuba with new sanctions oil tankers and shipping companies. Americans will not be sanguine about a war on Cuba, a recent poll showing that 58% oppose it. The new Democratic Congress will want to see an end to the war on Iran and is unlikely to support a war on Cuba. The Congress can stop financing for both. And if they fail, we could see an antiwar movement in the streets.

We still have two more years of this dangerous fool.

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[1] Photo: President Donald Trump and Russian president Vladimir Putin met in Alaska last August. (Official White House Photo by Daniel Torok)

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