

# War and Peace? Trump's Relations with Russia?

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*Longstanding adversarial relations, hugely exacerbated by Obama's neocon administration, won't be easy to change...*

Trump genuinely appears to want better bilateral relations. Huge challenges confront him, including possible impeachment if he diverges from longstanding US foreign policy.

What he intends remains to be seen, likely focusing on Russia after his first 100 days, devoted mainly to domestic issues, according to what he explained earlier.

An previous article discussed his 8-point first 100 days plan. It includes:

1. Appointing judges who'll "uphold the Constitution" - likely code language for supporting conservative, anti-progressive policies.
2. Restricting immigration to help Americans get "good-paying jobs."
3. Holding countries "cheat(ing) on trade" accountable - how not explained, if by imposing stiff tariffs, they'll likely be countered by similar ones on US products, the way trade wars begin.
4. "Cancel(ing) rules and regulations that send jobs overseas." Companies need incentives to keep jobs at home. As private enterprises, they're free to operate anywhere.
5. Lifting restrictions on energy production - nothing in his plan shifts from greenhouse-producing fossil fuels and dangerous nuclear power to renewable green sources.
6. "Repeal(ing) and replac(ing) jobs-killing Obamacare." What's vitally needed Trump opposes - universal healthcare, everyone in, no one left out, assuring all Americans have the most important human right along with food, shelter, clothing, and governance serving everyone equitably.
7. "Passing massive tax reform to create millions of new jobs and lower taxes for everyone." Economic growth creates jobs, not tax cuts, largely benefitting high-income earners, most ordinary people getting little or nothing.
8. "Impos(ing) tough new ethics rules...to the office of Secretary of State."

Trump said nothing about ending US imperial wars or repairing relations with Russia. Stressing "America first" ignores its responsibility to respect the sovereign rights of all nations.

It's customary for an incoming president to focus mainly on domestic issues straightaway, especially with so much damage to repair, notably under Bush/Cheney and Obama.

With America at war in multiple theaters, it's crucial to address what's going on and take responsible steps to change things - hard as it'll be to do, maybe impossible.

Normalizing relations with Russia and China is vital to avoid possible nuclear war - more important than anything else on Trump's plate, in the interest of world peace and stability. Lacking them risks catastrophe vital to avoid.

On January 20, Sergey Lavrov said "Donald Trump has stated repeatedly that his priority in the international arena will be the fight against ISIS as the main terrorist threat to the whole of mankind."

"We completely share this approach and hope that under the new conditions, international cooperation and coordination of efforts by all the main players on this antiterrorist front will be far more effective."

Lavrov hopes Washington under Trump will participate responsibly in helping to resolve Syria's conflict - unlike how Obama obstructed it, waging imperial war, seeking regime change.

On Saturday, Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said a Putin/Trump meeting may happen in months, not weeks, Russia's leader to be ready whenever it occurs, in Moscow, Washington or in neutral territory.

The sooner both leaders meet, the better the chance for improved bilateral relations and world peace - no easy objectives to achieve with US dark forces strongly against them.

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