



WNDC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

2020 POSITIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY

WNDC believes that the US should use diplomacy and economic development as the tools of first resort in foreign policy. Working with allies, the US should restore and revitalize coalitions to end international armed conflict and support democratic values. The US should lead multilateral and like-minded countries' efforts to promote international security. Finally, the US should work to restore international economic prosperity and global health, recognizing that American economic strength is key to world-wide stability.

Therefore, WNDC calls for national lawmakers to:

- Support the rights and education of women and girls, members of LGBT+ communities, and condemn human trafficking.
- Maintain funding of USAID to support vulnerable populations' issues of poverty and hunger, provide disaster relief and address refugee humanitarian crises.
- Support fair labor practices around the world.
- Defend press freedom around the world, making Voice of America an example of unconstrained reporting.
- Work with international allies and the private sector to identify, disrupt and prosecute internet crimes against persons, economic enterprises and countries, including cyberattacks, internet trolls, and hacking
- Enforce the laws and regulations that seek to prevent foreign interference in American elections and politics that would "sow discord, manipulate public discourse, discredit the electoral system, bias the development of policy, or disrupt markets for the purpose of undermining the interests of the US and its allies." (US Department of Homeland Security, *#Protect2020 Strategic Plan*, 2019.)
- Reassert its role in preventing nuclear proliferation through ratification, adherence to, or renegotiation of nuclear reduction and non-proliferation agreements.
- Condemn and confront with like-minded countries and agencies internationally networked violent extremism, including Global Jihadism, right-wing nativism, and other criminal organizations.

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- Maintain its membership in multilateral organizations, including the United Nation's specialized organizations and groups, because multilateral organizations prevent unilateral domination of the shaping of international norms and standards and give small countries a voice (China now heads four of the 15 UN and UN affiliated agencies or groups.)
- Maintain its membership and support of the World Health Organization.
- Assist in the global recovery from COVID-19 and work to prevent future pandemics.
- Increase the annual refugee admission ceiling from 18,000, the lowest number since a high of 200,000 in 1980 because 71 million people worldwide are fleeing violence and persecution and are seeking resettlement, the highest number since World War II.
- Support the Dream Act, allow work visas, allow amnesty for undocumented people already in the country, allow asylum for undocumented migrant asylum-seekers, maintain a reasonable immigration policy, and use electronic surveillance rather than a physical border wall to control the US–Mexico border.
- Prevent the separation of parents from their children at US-Mexico border detention centers and reunite all migrant families who are still separated.