



## WNDC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

### 2021 POSITIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY & NATIONAL SECURITY

WNDC believes that the US should use diplomacy, economic development and public outreach 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:**

1. Enforce the laws and regulations that seek to prevent domestic terrorism by extremists, including neo-Nazis and white supremacists, without censoring free speech, invading privacy, and or suppressing individual beliefs.
2. Enforce the laws and regulations that seek to prevent foreign interference in American elections and cyberattacks and take a tough stance against Russia, China, and Iran's aggressive actions against their neighbors.
3. Reassert its role in preventing nuclear proliferation through ratification, adherence to, or renegotiation of nuclear reduction and non-proliferation agreements. Maintain the New START treaty between the U.S and Russia, recently extended until 2024, which limits nuclear arsenals and enables on-site inspections.
4. Work closely with allies to build western alternatives to Chinese corporations' technical infrastructure since Chinese technology, economic and trade issues are at the core of China's growing global power. Challenge Chinese genocide in Xinjiang of the Uyghur ethnic group.
5. Pursue diplomacy with Iran in order to return to the 2015 multi-lateral Iran nuclear agreement.
6. Maintain its membership in and gain back its leadership role in multilateral organizations, including the United Nations' specialized organizations and groups, such as WHO, because multilateral organizations prevent unilateral domination of the shaping of international norms and standards and give small countries a voice.
7. Support the rights and education of women and girls and members of LGBT+ communities worldwide.
8. Condemn human trafficking.

9. Maintain funding of USAID to support vulnerable populations' issues of poverty, healthcare, and hunger, provide disaster relief, and address refugee humanitarian crises.
10. Support fair labor practices around the world.
11. Defend press freedom around the world, making "Voice of America" an example of unconstrained reporting, and engage in robust educational and cultural exchanges as well as truthful information exchanges with foreign governments and people.
12. 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.
13. Condemn and confront with like-minded countries and agencies internationally networked violent extremism, including global Jihadism, right-wing nativism, and other terrorist organizations.
14. Maintain a reasonable annual refugee limit, recognizing that 71 million people worldwide are fleeing violence and persecution and are seeking resettlement, the highest number since World War II.
15. 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 and intelligence reporting, rather than a physical border wall, to control the US-Mexico border.
16. Prevent the separation of parents from their children at US-Mexico border detention centers and reunite all migrant families who are still separated.
17. Assist in the global recovery from COVID-19 and work to prevent future pandemics.