



American Foreign Policy Leadership

Vice President Pence has [made it clear](#) that voters face a stark choice between two distinct visions for the future of the Republican party, and there are few ideological areas where that difference is clearer or more important than foreign policy. Today, too many candidates for the Republican nomination for President have embraced a vision of isolationism and appeasement that will imperil America and strengthen our enemies.

Simply put, appeasement is not a foreign policy. Burying our head in the sand and placating our enemies is a foolish and dangerous strategy. If America abandons the world stage as others have advocated, it will leave a vacuum that will be filled by our enemies and make our country less safe. Mike Pence rejects policies that are based on ignoring threats to the American people in an effort to avoid any foreign entanglement.

As history has taught us, if America ignores the cold reality of dangers facing our country it will only embolden our enemies. If we allow Putin to successfully take over Ukraine, what will stop him from doing the same to NATO allies like Poland, Estonia, or Latvia? At that point it will be too late and American commitments will mean that our men and women would be forced overseas.

Peace through American leadership does not mean we have to be the world's police. America's interest in foreign affairs is ensuring our continued national security. With clear goals, firm resolve, and the strongest military on earth, America can lead on the world stage without sending American troops into harm's way. President Pence will implement an aggressive and comprehensive foreign policy plan that will reestablish America's leadership on the world stage, weaken our enemies, and protect the citizens of the United States.

The Pence plan will include the following key policies:

Global Military Leadership

Over the past decade, our adversaries have increased military spending at a rate that far outpaces the United States. Military spending in China, for instance, grew by 134% between 2011 and 2021. During that same time period, U.S. spending on defense increased by only 6.4%. Russia is expected to double its annual defense spending budget in 2023 alone. When it comes to developing military resources, America can no longer afford to be outpaced by communists and dictators. We must commit to rebuilding our military to secure our defenses.

- **Guarantee that our country spends a minimum of 3.5% of GDP on defense.**
- **Increase military spending by at least \$1.2 trillion, offset with domestic discretionary cuts.**
- **Rebuild the Navy and shipbuilding capability.**
- **End wasteful and woke military programs at the Department of Defense.**
- **Refill ammunition and weapons production capabilities to rebuild strategic stockpiles.**
- **Invest in long-term defense infrastructure.**

Combatting China's Ambitions of Conquest

We must make no mistake that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is focused on the eventual goal of world domination and subjugation. Vice President Pence has warned for years that both political parties had turned a blind eye to China's many abuses on trade, military expansionism, and human rights violations in the misguided hope that China's newfound prosperity would inevitably lead to liberty. It is time for a realistic view of Chinese ambitions and a tough national security policy that protects our interests against communist aggression.

- **Sell every necessary weapon to Taiwan.**
- **Repatriate American high-tech supply chains.**
- **Protect American's online data and tech security.**
- **Stop the flow of fentanyl from China.**
- **Ban China from purchasing more U.S. farmland.**
- **Stop the Chinese government from circumventing human rights rules.**

Supporting Allies Around the World

By supporting and arming our allies around the world, the United States has the opportunity to thwart and contain our foes abroad – without spilling an ounce of American blood. We can use smart power to cultivate alliances that keep America safe without risking American lives. Ukraine is the perfect example of how we can weaken adversaries by helping allies. America cannot shy away from protecting allies around the world when it hurts our enemies and keeps the fight from our doorstep.

- **Continue to provide arms and support to Ukraine until Russia surrenders.**
- **Support Israel – America's most important strategic ally.**

- **Help Taiwan prepare its national defenses.**
- **Use free trade and access to the U.S. economy to strengthen our allies and contain our enemies.**

Protecting the Border

It is impossible for America to demonstrate global leadership when it cannot even control its own borders. Democrats' embarrassing policies have resulted in an open border and an international humanitarian crisis at our own front door. President Biden's policies have also created a wide-open pathway for China to funnel deadly fentanyl onto American streets. Protecting our southern border and protecting our citizens must be a cornerstone of our foreign policy. We cannot secure peace if we cannot secure our own borders.

- **Reinstate the Remain in Mexico Policy.**
- **Restart border wall construction.**
- **Detain and deport illegal immigrants at the border.**
- **Supply National Guard to states and special forces to fight drug dealers.**

Economic and Energy Dominance

In 2010, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Michael Mullen famously said, "The most significant threat to our national security is our debt." Since that time, the crisis has only worsened. Today the national debt is \$33 trillion or \$98,000 per American. Our country now spends 10% of its budget on interest payments, which takes money from national defense priorities. At the same time, President Biden's unilateral war on American energy has taken away one of the most important sources of U.S. power – our abundant domestic energy supplies.

- **Ensure the U.S. is a net energy exporter.**
- **Become independent of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).**
- **Cut the unsustainable federal debt.**
- **Stop giving China taxpayer money from green energy subsidy programs.**