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## Chapter 1 : Democratic Party on Foreign Policy

*Democrats will pursue a Russia policy that recognizes that country's importance and advances the core U.S. security interests at stake in Russia's historic transformation, beginning with cooperative work to secure vulnerable stockpiles of nuclear weapons and materials.*

It differs from foreign policy , which refers to the ways a advances its interests in world politics. Domestic policy covers a wide range of areas, including business , education, energy, healthcare, law enforcement , money and taxes , natural resources , social welfare, and personal rights and freedoms. Issues[ edit ] Many domestic policy debates concern the appropriate level of government involvement in economic and social affairs. Traditionally, conservatives believe that the government should not play a major role in regulating business and managing the economy. Most conservatives also believe that government action cannot solve the problems of poverty and economic inequality. Most liberals, however, support government programs that seek to provide economic security, ease human suffering, and reduce inequality. Many liberals also believe that the government should regulate businesses to ensure safe and fair working conditions and to limit environmental pollution. Certain domestic policy issues are especially controversial among people of different cultures, religions, and personal beliefs. Examples of such issues include abortion rights , the rights of homosexuals , the role of religion in public life, and the place of cultural diversity in education and employment. Under authoritarian governments, a ruling group may pursue its domestic policy goals without the input or consent of the people being governed. But in democratic societies, the will of the people has a much greater influence. In a democracy, the formal design of domestic policy is chiefly the responsibility of elected leaders, lawmaking bodies, and specialized government agencies. But a number of other factors also play a role in the process. Voters, for instance, determine which individuals and political parties have the power to determine policy. The mass media distribute, and opine, information about domestic issues and influence the beliefs and opinions of the people. Lobbyists, activist groups, and other organizations also work to influence policy through a variety of methods. Such methods may include monetary donations, promises of support, advertising campaigns, or demonstrations and protests. How many people do we personally know that are involved with domestic policy creation? The effectiveness of domestic policy depends on the government bureaucracy system of agencies that puts laws and programs into action. In some cases, bureaucracies act slowly or inefficiently, or fail to apply policies as they were originally intended. Domestic policy may also face challenges in the courts.

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### Chapter 2 : “There’s a Lot of New Ground for Democrats to Fight Over”: A Q&A With Ben Rhodes

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He was dismayed by the turn of events, and not only because of the collective insanity that seemed to grip the Bush White House. He described the run-up to the war as being like finding yourself in an Ionesco play, watching your friends turn into rhinoceroses. Figuring this out is all the more pressing because the same figures who supported the war continue to direct the foreign policy framework of the Democratic Party. But when it comes to the Beltway and to who, even now, would likely staff any future Democratic administration, there has never been a reckoning with this past. This is partly due to the easy amnesia of the complicit: But the more surprising reason for a lack of reckoning may be that the new social democratic wing of the Democrats has yet to offer a comprehensive alternative on foreign policy. But no equivalent exists when it comes to foreign policy—“not even the general anti-intervention sentiments that defined the election. Moreover, precisely because American power is exceptional, the US—“unlike other states—“can legitimately move in and out of international legal constraints in the name of securing this overarching order. In , this shared ideology had a profound effect on the terms of internal Democratic Party debate. Even for those opposed to the war, the disagreement was limited to pragmatics. Both the Bush Administration and Democrats in general took as given the inherent goodness of American imperial power. Bush-era neoconservatives simply appropriated the bipartisan playbook of their predecessors: At the time, the Democratic response was a fractured one. Along with Clinton, Biden, and Power, this list was long, including everyone from Fareed Zakaria and Thomas Friedman on the op-ed pages especially in the New York Times, which for all its present-day status as Trump antagonist was practically the official organ of the war effort , to George Packer and Peter Beinart in the liberal magazines may the records of the New Yorker and the New Republic on Iraq forever live in infamy to Chuck Schumer and Harry Reid in Congress. What no one in the Democratic establishment questioned was the legitimacy of the larger vision that made such a folly seem reasonable—the necessity of American international police power. Today, on right and left, that past cold war consensus has cracked. While Trump doubts whether there is much of an ethical distinction between the US and Russia, activists on the left have no trouble rejecting both capitalism and empire. What would such an approach look like? It would oppose American international police power—the presumptive right of intervention—and refuse to treat any community as an instrument in the service of state security ends. What follows are a non-exhaustive and initial set of principles. The first is a global commitment to social democracy rather than free market capitalism as embodied in austerity, neoliberal privatization, and trade agreements built on entrenching corporate property rights. When Trump attacks Merkel or questions the financial utility of NATO, the response among most democratic elites has been to wax poetic about the wisdom of the postwar order, no matter how much violence maintaining that order actually wrought throughout the world. But one might rightly question the austerity German leadership has imposed on Europe, or look to post-Soviet NATO expansion as over time promoting a tense and militarized relationship with Russia, one that has actually strengthened the hand of ethno-nationalist autocrats like Putin. A necessary corollary of global social democracy is demilitarization. The hope was to create new and inclusive multilateral regional and international institutions, premised on mutual disarmament and shared decision-making. But given their commitment to American hegemony, this was not the path that Republican and Democratic officials pursued. And as the US instead promoted privatization and the starving of state institutions in Europe and elsewhere, policies like NATO expansion funneled money yet again back into defense. Any left foreign policy would have to conceive of how to invert these trends—investing in social welfare and pushing back against military intensification. The impulse of the Democratic establishment is to see force from boots on the ground to drone strikes to sanctions as the go-to method of responding to perceived threats or humanitarian instability. Not

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only does this involve a systematic devaluing of diplomacy—something that despite the success of the Iran nuclear negotiations has been receding in both parties for decades—but it also ignores the extent to which the story of American international police power has been to generate even more violence and disorder. A non-imperial approach would instead begin with caution and skepticism. Such an approach would inevitably buttress a commitment to local self-determination and to legal self-constraint. With respect to the former, it would put into question the existing regional orderings that the US has for so long maintained with treasure and force of arms—including the current terms of the US-Israel relationship, whose rippling effects cannot simply be ignored. The new social-democratic wing of the Democratic Party has been best at challenging this element of American policy, but more needs to be done. What should a left Administration do with the NSA? If the Department of Homeland Security is eliminated, how will immigration and security policy be implemented? And what will the ends of such policy be? These are the questions such principles seek to address—and they are only a start. The Russia investigation is important—Americans should know if and how a foreign country sought to shape public opinion, and Trump and his cronies should be held accountable for whatever crimes especially financial they have committed. But the investigation has also amounted to a public rehabilitation tour for the national security establishment, from Clapper to Republican leaders of the FBI like Robert Mueller and James Comey to hawkish defenders of the war on terror in places like Lawfare. Mueller was a named defendant when many of those same wrongly detained individuals sued the government over their prison beatings and abuse. On television and in the press, these figures have been digging deep into the well of cold war rhetoric and belligerency as a way of reasserting an old and broken status quo, in no small part because it is all they ultimately have to offer. This is not or , and such nostalgia cannot put the now fractured ideology of the cold war back together. Simply claiming that Russia embodies the external threat and ideological antagonist of the old Soviet Union does not make it so. And the great danger of this tendency is that nostalgia will produce yet more failed foreign policy whenever the Democrats next gain power. To avoid this outcome, elected Democrats of the emerging social-democratic wing of the party must be forced to work out an authentically new foreign policy. The root of the problem has been the false belief that a hard separation exists between the foreign and the domestic. In the s, American labor leaders accepted a cold war compromise that preserved their own hard-won victories while leaving to the state the right to direct foreign policy as it saw fit. But that foreign policy, built around pro-business market goals and continuous military intervention, intruded into the domestic sphere, whether through catastrophic events like the Vietnam War or by expanding corporate rights in ways that undermined the global position of labor. Taken together, these policies propelled precisely the cycle of conservative retrenchment and privatization that ate away at labor successes in the US. A non-imperial orientation to the world is essential because it is the water within which domestic social democracy swims. It is essential that the left develop an actual institutional infrastructure, whether in think tanks or universities, unions or churches, to work out a new coherent foreign policy. But, even before that, what is required in the immediate term is for activists to demand answers from social democratic politicians in the party. There are an array of issues that the security establishment has an approach to and the left, therefore, needs its own countervailing response: If the US should not be the enforcer of Saudi and Israeli led dictates in the Middle East, what are alternative regional orderings? More pointedly, what would demobilizing significant elements of the national security state alongside the demobilization of the carceral state look like? Otherwise, we will inevitably replay one of the critical outcomes of the Iraq War, where the antiwar Democratic candidate simply turned foreign policy over to the very people his victory was meant to repudiate.

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## Chapter 3 : Democratic Views on National Security | Republican Views

*This dissertation argues that the impact of domestic opinion on a democratic state's foreign security policy choices depends on its domestic decision making environment, composed of political institutions, decision making procedures and legislative procedural norms.*

Strongly and unequivocally support Roe v. Sep Invest in stem cell and other medical research. Nov Pursue embryonic stem cell research. Jul Support right to choose even if mother cannot pay. Jul Choice is a fundamental, constitutional right. Republicans want to cut benefits to kids. Jan Restore the budget discipline of the s. Nov Cut the deficit in half over the next four years. Jul Democrats reversed economic stagnation of previous years. Aug Democrats must continue to lead Americans to prosperity. Aug Democrats will eliminate publicly held debt by Sep Equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. Sep Racial and religious profiling is wrong. Jul Keep marriage at state level; no federal gay marriage ban. Jul Strengthen some parts of Patriot Act and change other parts. Jul Support affirmative action to redress discrimination. Jul Police should have zero tolerance of racial profiling. Aug Pass hate crime legislation including gays. Aug Democrats lead fight for ERA and equal employment. Sep Transparency in corporate accounting. Jul End corporate welfare as we know. Jul Tax credits and investment support for small business. Jul Government counters the concentration of economic power. Oct Democratic Party on Crime Death penalty must not be arbitrary. Sep Crack down on gangs and drugs. Jul Fight crime with prevention, community police. Aug Tougher punishments, including the death penalty. Aug Democratic Party on Drugs Reduce racial disparities in sentencing for drug crimes. Sep Join Central American governments to combat narco-traffic. Sep Bring to justice those bringing drugs to America. Jul Drugs in prison: Aug Dry up drug demand via more enforcement plus more treatment. Aug Fight drugs and economic hopelessness that fuels it. Mar Turn around struggling public schools; expand public options. Sep Make college tuition tax deductible. Nov Standardized tests to advance learning, not bureaucracy. Jul Charter schools OK, vouchers not. Jul Support lifelong learning and Distance Learning. Jul Democrats are the party of public education. Oct Education is top priority in Democrat presidency. Aug Character education is an important aspect of education. Aug Accountability is a key to public school success. Aug Reduce class size, modernize facilities, hire new teachers. Aug Enact new tax programs to enable more life-long learning. Nov We cannot drill our way to energy independence. Jul Energy independence to avoid dealing with repressive regimes. Jul Develop renewable energy and efficient vehicles. Jul Reject choice of healthy economy vs. Jul Encourage open space and rail travel. Aug We do not have to choose between economy and environment. Sep Family is the center of American life. Aug Improve child-care and fully fund Head Start. Enhance relations with Japan, S. Jul Bush bullies when he should instead persuade. Jul End Castro regime, but allow travel. Jul Forward Engagement must guide proactive foreign policy. Aug Work to close gap between richest and poorest nations. Aug Engage China; protest Tibet. Sep Knock down barriers to free, fair and balanced trade. Jul Review all trade agreements; investigate China rights abuses. Jul Free trade with safeguards will benefit all. Nov Curb the influence of lobbyists; no to Citizens United. Sep Your vote should count; no voter ID laws. Sep Meaningful campaign finance reform to restore public trust. Nov Line-item veto to root out pork-barrel spending. Jul Ensure accessible, independently auditable, accurate voting. Jul Support McCain-Feingold bill for campaign finance reform. Sep Reauthorize assault weapons ban, close gun show loophole. Jul Strengthen gun control to reduce violence. Aug Democratic Party on Health Care No arbitrary insurer cancelation; yes pre-existing condition. Sep Make sure everyone has access to affordable health care. Jul Expand coverage and cut healthcare costs. Jul Every American should have affordable health insurance. Aug Add prescription drug benefit to Medicare. Nov Excessive use of our military breeds more terrorists. Sep We respect and honor our veterans. Jul 3 challenges: War on Terror; WMDs, stable world democracy. Jul Reform intelligence community internationally and locally. Jul Safeguard nuclear material and stop creating new material. Jul Add 40, new soldiers and keep military all-volunteer. Jul Focus on cargo containers and

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border security. Jul Equip military for new threats and missions. Aug Prepare military with advanced military and technology. Aug Develop limited missile defense system. Oct Path for undocumented aliens to earn citizenship. Jul Reform the INS; reduce immigrant backlog. Aug Protect immigrants from exploitation by employers. Sep Create jobs that stay in America. Nov A strong America begins with good jobs that support families. Jul Change tax system to not encourage shipping jobs overseas. Aug The rights of low income workers must be protected. Aug Democrats will strengthen safety net for family farmers. GOP obstructed Russia election interference probe. Sep Trout Fishers: Jun Democratic promise to address 6 important issues in Congress. Nov New vision for America: Jul Democrats need bold, innovative ideas, not ideology. Oct Appoint judges committed to Constitutional rights.

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## Chapter 4 : Democratic Views on Foreign Aid | Republican Views

*Democratic views on foreign aid include the belief that the United States should provide aid to disadvantaged countries. This includes raising the budget for foreign aid in order to provide further assistance to these countries and forgiving their debts to the U.S. as necessary.*

Sign up Foreign Policy: Controversy between the two parties looms, but Congress has a unique opportunity to shape a more effective plan January 5, By Pat M. Holt former chief of staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, writes on foreign affairs from Washington. In the past month, various Republican leaders on Capitol Hill have advocated lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia, withdrawing United Nations peacekeeping forces, arming and training the Bosnians, and bombing the Serbs. They also have promoted shifting foreign aid from Africa to former republics of the Soviet Union, using foreign aid or the threat of withholding it to collect debts owed to American citizens in Central America, hastening economic reform in Russia, and encouraging the expansion of NATO in Eastern Europe. These proposals have three common characteristics. First, they will relieve frustration. Second, they are unlikely to do anything else that is positive. Third, they deal with important issues but at the same time avoid more profound questions, such as whether NATO or a foreign aid program should even exist. They will allow Republicans to talk to a domestic audience, simplifying a complicated matter. This will give Republicans the luxury of not having to make foreign policy work. The Democratic administration, meanwhile, will be left to deal with intransigent foreigners. At the same time, Republicans have been willing to deal with foreigners directly. Foreigners must be wondering whether they should deal with the Senate or the State Department. Democrats, meanwhile, will likely wrap themselves in the mantle of bipartisanship. Presidents typically do not like infringements on what they perceive to be their prerogative to make foreign policy. There is no reason to suppose that Bill Clinton will be different from his predecessors. In talking about foreign-policy bipartisanship, presidents usually mean they should get to do it their way. If this is how the looming controversy over foreign policy plays out, the country will be ill-served. There is another way. The Republicans have a splendid opportunity to contribute to the public development of a more effective foreign policy. The last time Republicans controlled both houses of Congress while a Democrat was in the White House was That was part of an era notable for a burst of creativity in foreign policy, including the creation of the United Nations, the Marshall Plan, and NATO. That period has been romanticized as the golden age of bipartisanship. There was indeed cooperation, but also robust debate and sometimes sharp partisan division, especially over China, Korea, and the commitment of American ground troops to the defense of Europe. The present period in many respects resembles the late s. World politics is extraordinarily fluid and in a state of transition now as it was then. We do not now have anything to replace the policy of containment that provided the framework within which we conducted and eventually won the cold war. What we have instead are bits and pieces of policies - democracy, human rights, sustainable development, among others. We need to think harder about how, or whether, these pieces fit into a coherent whole. Korea is again at the forefront of our concerns. A good topic to open the wider debate is the nuclear agreement whereby North Korea agrees to abandon its plutonium processing program and the United States agrees to aid for conventional nuclear power plants. This agreement exemplifies the difficult trade-offs that have to be made in foreign policy. The White House will argue that it deserves support in the name of bipartisanship. Maybe it does, but not for that reason. A vigorous debate in Congress would elucidate the pros and cons. It could solidify support or point to a better alternative. Either way, the country would be better off. This is one reason we have a Congress. Authors of articles will be notified by telephone. Authors of articles not accepted will be notified by postcard.

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*Clearly, it would be useful to discover the conditions under which domestic opposition affects foreign security policy in different democratic states. This book examines the institutional, procedural, and normative differences between democracies in order to determine how they affect the independence of democratic leaders from domestic opinion.*

Democratic views on foreign aid include the belief that the United States should provide aid to disadvantaged countries. This includes raising the budget for foreign aid in order to provide further assistance to these countries and forgiving their debts to the U. Through these means, they hope to close the gap between rich and poor countries. Democrats believe in a policy of Forward Engagement when it comes to any foreign policy issues, and this includes foreign aid. This means that they believe in addressing problems early on, before they have devolved into crises. Aid In Africa Democrats believe strongly in the U. Many Democrats hope that an alleviation of this issue may also alleviate other crises within Africa. They believe that the U. Aid In Latin America Democrats support aid in Latin America more for governmental concerns than for humanitarian and health reasons. First and foremost, Democrats believe that aiding Latin America keeps the U. We believe that democratic governments deserve our support, and that we should exercise our considerable diplomatic and moral force in support of democratically elected leaders. Barack Obama on Foreign Aid President Obama is certainly an advocate for increased foreign aid spending. Before President Obama took office in , foreign aid spending had been trending down. Between the years of and , it increased by 80 percent. This money has been spent on a variety of causes, including the Economic Support Fund, the Foreign Military Financing Program, multilateral assistance, the Agency for International Development, the Peace Corps, and international monetary programs. The budget includes support for the creation of a U. This is another cause that feeds U. She has spoken out adamantly against Republicans who believe that the foreign aid budget would be better spent elsewhere and explained how she believes that helping other countries come into their own can actually fuel the U. Not only can we afford to maintain a strong civilian presence, we cannot afford not to. As we help these nations meet their own challenges and grow their own economies, their men and women will buy their first cars, their first computers, and everything from movies to medical equipment. And many new consumers will buy them from us. In fact, she has stated that she would have liked to see a fold increase in the foreign aid budget, which would have meant a budget where foreign aid spending made up 25 percent of the United States budget.

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*foreign policy affects vote choice, and that public opinion affects policy output.<sup>2</sup> As a consequence, leaders who are accountable to a voting public appear to behave quite differently in a range of policy areas, including conflict initiation, general international.*

He appointed Alfred E. William Miller, had already contributed to somewhat higher inflation, [78] rising from 5. The sudden doubling of crude oil prices by OPEC [79] forced inflation to double-digit levels, averaging History of health care reform in the United States Carter in office, February During the presidential campaign, Carter proposed a health care reform plan that included key features of a bipartisan bill, sponsored by Senator Ted Kennedy, that provided for the establishment of a universal national health insurance NHI system. The establishment of an NHI plan was the top priority of organized labor and many liberal Democrats, but Carter had concerns about cost, as well as the inflationary impact, of such a system. Kennedy met repeatedly with Carter and White House staffers in an attempt to forge a compromise health care plan, but negotiations broke down in July Though Kennedy and Carter had previously been on good terms, differences over health insurance led to an open break between the two Democratic leaders. The plan would also extend Medicaid to the very poor without dependent minor children, and would add catastrophic coverage to Medicare. Long led a bipartisan conservative majority of the Senate Finance Committee to support an employer mandate to provide catastrophic coverage and the addition of catastrophic coverage to Medicare. Proposals contemplated by the Carter administration include a guaranteed minimum income , a federal job guarantee for the unemployed, a negative income tax , and direct cash payments to aid recipients. In early , Secretary Califano presented Carter with several options for welfare reform, all of which Carter rejected because they increased government spending. In August , Carter proposed a major jobs program for welfare recipients capable of working and a "decent income" to those who were incapable of working. To the disappointment of the Congressional Black Caucus CBC and organized labor, the final act did not include a provision authorizing the federal government to act as an employer of last resort in order to provide for full employment. He proposed taxing capital gains as ordinary income, eliminating tax shelters, limiting itemized tax deductions, and increasing the standard deduction. The act corrected a technical error made in and ensured the short-term solvency of Social Security. That same year, he signed into law a bill that established Superfund , a federal program designed to clean up sites contaminated with hazardous substances. In a February 28, address at the White House, Carter argued, "Education is far too important a matter to be scattered piecemeal among various government departments and agencies, which are often busy with sometimes dominant concerns. Cannabis policy of the Jimmy Carter administration Carter took a stance in support of decriminalization of cannabis, citing the legislation passed in Oregon in Carter retained Nixon-era yet pro-decriminalization advisor Robert Du Pont , and appointed pro-decriminalization British physician Peter Bourne as his drug advisor or "drug czar" to head up his newly formed Office of Drug Abuse Policy. The net result of the Carter administration was the continuation of the War on Drugs and restrictions on cannabis, [] [] while at the same time cannabis consumption in the United States reached historically high levels. The Airline Deregulation Act abolished the Civil Aeronautics Board and granted airlines greater control over their operations. Carter also signed the Motor Carrier Act of , which deregulated the trucking industry, and the Staggers Rail Act , which loosened regulations on railroads.

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*In sum, Democrats planning to run for president in should use this time to think seriously about foreign policy, and to, in our view, grasp that progressive domestic policies in no way.*

Yeah, I think America as an empire is a fair concept. When you are in government, you become acutely aware that no other country has anything comparable in terms of a global set of military installations, alliances, and an ability to dramatically alter the fates of foreign countries. However, I think that the mere fact of Trump being elected is more damaging than anything Bush did. A lot of countries could at any given time find fault with America, including close allies in Asia and Europe. But they assumed that the United States was fundamentally stable in its orientation. The world has shown a lot of deference to us to make mistakes, Vietnam and Iraq chief among them. The Trump years are going to test that proposition. But do you see any continuity between the Bush and Obama years and the Trump years? I would include some Obama-era policies in that; others I would defend. The jingoism and xenophobia unleashed by Fox News used to bubble under the surface, but the backlash against these endless wars and immigration and refugees led us in part to Trump. Do I agree more with the Blob than with Trump? Were there left advocacy groups, think tanks, or media entities that you felt meaningfully exerted pressure on your decision-making on major issues like the Iran deal, Syria, Libya, drones, Cuba, etc.? If so, which groups and how? If not, how would it have made your experience different if there had been? On Israel-Palestine, there was constant pressure from the right, and I never felt any from the left. And that was one where I would have liked to feel more balance. And frankly, when we got into fights like Iran, we were able to assemble enough of an eclectic group to win that fight, whether it was antinuclear groups or scientists. Same thing, where we found this coalition of younger Cuban Americans and business interests that wanted to expand in Cuba. But with the UN resolution condemning Israeli settlements in late after the election, I was taking all these hits alone on TV, and Netanyahu was shaping all the questions I was getting. Just how intense the opposition there was to even this incremental step, over the tiniest detail on the number of settlement units. The other side would get these things wrong all the time, and they would never get fact-checked. The backlash I took kind of confirmed their caution. Just like if I want to be on a corporate board that interacts with lucrative Gulf interests, I would never say some of the things I would. There are all kinds of systemic, structural ways restricting what people on the left can do in government. What would it mean to have a left foreign-policy bench in DC? How might it distinguish itself from existing institutions? I think you would have to fund it. It was telling to me that, even in the Iran debate, if we asked senators what would be helpful to them, they went to groups like MoveOn, but there was still a shortcoming of infrastructure dedicated to these positions. Our efforts on Iran and Cuba had to be ad hoc. The right financed organizations, think tanks, and media outlets over a series of decades to disseminate a particular worldview and became so powerful over time that people found their way onto TV and into the government. On the left, the big ideas are in academia, but the think tanks have crowded out academia. Even the academics I listen to, like Andrew Bacevich, were ones who had found a way to be heard in DC foreign-policy debates. I knew his view would be different than the Blob. On Cuba, basically everyone who knew anything about Cuba thought US policy was a disaster. I was around DC after the election, and there were all these worthwhile efforts like the Truman Project or CNAS [Center for a New American Security, founded in ] that were mostly focused on responding to the war in Iraq rather than creating an infrastructure that produced an alternative set of pressures and positions. That creates the bench of people that come into government. Every one of these little groups like the Emergency Committee for Israel [had] a bigger budget than anyone pushing back against them. People like Noah Pollak and Seth Mandel are constantly given platforms where they reach a lot of people. They would criticize me for not being experienced enough, but these guys have no experience beyond being right-wing pundits. Are you interested in serving in a future administration? Are you talking to potential Democratic candidates for president? Republicans positioned themselves as the party of democracy and

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human rights for years, even as the policies of people like John McCain often flew in the face of that. What is the role for the defense budget, for instance, and what can you do as a progressive if you scrap unnecessary programs like nuclear modernization? What would a Paris-type agreement for refugee policy look like? What would it mean to incorporate climate into national-security policy? How could we rein in the unlimited War on Terror? Are there any elected Democrats in particular who you think are taking positive steps on foreign policy now? My sense from talking to candidates and members of Congress is that, with some exceptions, foreign policy is always a kind of secondary issue to Democrats. In the Senate, I like how Chris Murphy approaches foreign policy. He does guns and health care but he does other things too. Elizabeth Warren has taken some steps to be more vocal. Bernie Sanders has, too, since the election. If someone starts attacking your health-care plan in the last week of the campaign, you have an answer to that. But the point I try to make to people is: The left is good at holding people like me and my feet to the fire in ways that can impact our social circles, but less impactful on policy debates. But it was very important to us that people on the left chose to support the Iran deal. It gave us a team. To submit a correction for our consideration, [click here](#). For Reprints and Permissions, [click here](#).

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### Chapter 8 : "Democratic institutions and the governance of foreign security policy:" by Norrin M Ripsman

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Democratic Party on Foreign Policy Party Platform US leadership at UN, including respectful disagreement International institutions--most prominently the United Nations--have been a centerpiece of international order since the mid 20th century. And just as American leadership was essential to forging the architecture for international cooperation after WWII, the President and the Democratic Party are committed to modernizing its infrastructure for the 21st century--working to reform international bodies and strengthen national and multilateral capabilities to advance peace, security, and opportunity. The Democratic Platform for America, p. Enhance relations with Japan, S. Korea, India, Pakistan We must maintain our strong relationship with Japan, and explore new ways to cooperate further. And we will actively seek to enhance relations with our historic ally South Korea in order to advance our collaborative efforts on economic and security issues. We must also work with our friends, India and Pakistan, in their efforts to resolve longstanding differences. They rush to force before exhausting diplomacy. They bully rather than persuade. They act alone when they could assemble a team. They hope for the best when they should prepare for the worst. Time and again, this Administration confuses leadership with going it alone and engagement with compromise of principle. They do not understand that real leadership means standing by your principles and rallying others to join you. John Kerry, John Edwards and the Democratic Party believe in a better, stronger America - an America that is respected, not just feared, and an America that listens and leads. Chronic and debilitating hunger also threatens the very survival of communities where investment in agriculture has suffered for over a decade. We are committed to bringing the full weight of American leadership to bear against this crisis. We will return U. We understand that our collective security and prosperity are furthered by mutual efforts to promote democracy, generate wealth, reduce income disparities, and provide sound environmental stewardship. We are committed to strong and steady support for democratic processes and institutions in our hemisphere. We believe that democratic governments deserve our support, and that we should exercise our considerable diplomatic and moral force in support of democratically elected leaders. Mexico has made steady progress toward building a mature democracy, and we will make relations with Mexico a priority in order to best address economic, environmental and social issues of concern. We will work with the international community to increase political and diplomatic pressure on the Castro regime to release all political prisoners, support civil society, promote the important work of Cuban dissidents, and begin a process of genuine political reform. Within this framework the Democratic Party supports a policy of principled travel to Cuba that promotes family unity and people-to-people contacts through educational and cultural exchanges. Its means drawing on all three main sources of American power - military strength, a vibrant, growing economy, and a democratic political system. Forward Engagement is the strategy that must guide us. It means meeting new challenges such as international crime and terrorism, environmental degradation, and pandemic diseases head-on. We want to reverse the widening gap between rich and poor and nations, which is why we back debt forgiveness for the poorest nations. We must reform the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank so that labor standards, human rights, and protections of the environment are integral to their policies and practices. We should use our influence in multilateral development institutions to not only provide emergency assistance for stabilizing economies and to create social safety nets, including unemployment insurance and health care, but also to give people the skills, education, and training they need to compete. We must search out ways to cooperate across a broad range of issues, while at the same time, insisting on adherence to international standards on human rights, freedom, the persecution of religions, the suppression of Tibet, and bellicose threats directed at Taiwan. These issues cannot be marginalized. Click here for VoteMatch responses for the Democratic Party. Other political parties on Foreign Policy: Democratic Party on other issues:

**Chapter 9 : Democratic Party on the Issues**

*A mid all the talk about the Democratic Party's move to the left, a contrary phenomenon has gone comparatively unnoticed: On foreign policy, Washington Democrats keep attacking Donald Trump from.*

Some grant extraordinary powers to their heads of state or government to make policy, while others possess complex arrays of checks and balances among the various branches of government that limit such power. Parliamentary democracies vest power in a cabinet drawn from the legislature, presidential systems place executive power in the hands of an independently elected president, while still others divide executive power. Some democratic electoral systems are based on proportional representation, while others are based on single-member constituencies and majority or plurality voting. Some are dominated by two political parties; others, by many. In addition to these and other institutional differences, their populations subscribe to different political attitudes and norms pertaining to the use of political power and the goals that the state should pursue. Political scientists studying the domestic and foreign economic policies of democratic states have concluded that these differences between democracies affect both the policies they select and the autonomy that democratic executives have to choose policies when faced with public and legislative opposition. Surprisingly, however, international security scholars pay little attention to these differences and assume that they do not affect the way democracies choose their national security policies. Indeed, the conventional wisdom is that democracies react in similar ways to international threats and opportunities. This conventional wisdom is wrong. In this book, I argue that the differences between democracies have profound effects on the way they conduct foreign security policy. In particular, they affect the ability of different democratic governments to choose foreign policies at odds with domestic preferences. Thus, for example, shortly after World War II, the Truman administration was able to commit American troops to Europe to serve its security interests, despite public pressure to bring the troops home. In contrast, the difficulties encountered by the Israeli government, led by Rabin, Peres, and Barak in implementing the Oslo Accords indicate that some democratic regimes must take domestic opposition seriously, even on security matters of the utmost importance. Clearly, it would be useful to discover the conditions under which domestic opposition affects foreign security policy in different democratic states. This book examines the institutional, procedural, and normative differences between democracies in order to determine how they affect the independence of democratic leaders from domestic opinion. It argues that domestic political structures that insulate the government from the public and the legislature increase its ability to pursue unpopular policies, but simultaneously weaken its position in international negotiations. Governments that are not structurally insulated can still achieve some independence when they are willing to deceive their domestic opponents, but this is a costly strategy that is of only limited utility. I test this argument by examining the peacemaking policies of Great Britain, France, and the United States after both world wars. In each country, domestic opinion demanded punitive peace terms, while national leaders believed that some degree of moderation was warranted. Yet, they followed very different policies. Furthermore, the structurally weaker governments all three democracies in and France after World War II were able to parlay their democratic constraints into gains in international negotiations over the postwar settlements. Thus, the conventional treatment of democracies as a group of like states that behave similarly in the international arena is both inappropriate and misleading. We must, therefore, unpack this category in order to generate a richer understanding of the complex range of democratic arrangements and their effects on national security policy.