Rise of Populism in Foreign Policy of the United States under Donald Trump

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Abstract

After the independence, the United States had a number of presidents. At the beginning George Washington started to adopt political ideology called democracy. This democratic ideology was protected by presidents throughout the history even though they had some differences. When Donald Trump came to power, he was different from other presidents due to his populist policies. US foreign policy is important to all other countries, because US intervenes in other countries' internal matters. As mentioned above Trump's populist policies made a huge impact on US foreign policy. The main objective of this study is to understand the impacts made by Trump's populist policies to foreign policy of the United States. Other objectives are to understand the concept of populism and foreign policy evolution in the United States. In order to understand foreign policy under Trump, US foreign policy evolution is important. This research will be a predominantly qualitative and both primary and secondary data will be used to analyze the research problem. Some analysis says that in next presidential election Trump can win again. Even though Trump didn't maintain the international image of the United States he won his own peoples' heart by proving that he is a peoples' leader. Trump did so much to make cheerfully his country even though didn't care about international image which maintained by earlier presidents. At the end can say that Trump's populist policies were good inside of the country but not for the outside world.

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