Navigating Uncertainty: Policy Recommendations for Addressing the Unpredictability of Trump's Foreign Policy

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The challenges posed by the erratic and unconventional foreign policy of Donald Trump's second term require a new approach to develop a policy recommendation model to help international actors adapt to the unpredictability of Trump's approach to diplomacy. Issues on alliances, trade relations, and regional security were some of the crucial matters among researchers in comprehending the complexity of the destabilizing effects of Trump's "America First" doctrine. Especially in his foreign policy, Trump arguably adopted the Madman Theory, which uses psychological tactics to unsettle the oppositions and supporters alike, This theory however, fails to address domestic political factors that may have influenced his decisions, such as the role of public opinion and domestic issues. Examining these domestic factors would give a fuller picture of Trump's foreign policy, which could be seen on people's opinion toward Trump's foreign policy and Trump's reaction to public pressure.

This paper identifies the three key patterns to offer a broader view. These patterns are alliances and multilateralism, trade relations, and Middle East/Asia-Pacific strategy. Trump's unpredictability greatly affected these areas. Adding specific examples could show the extent of these impacts. Data points could also illustrate these effects. Consider trade. Trump's actions caused economic costs. Quantifying these costs would strengthen the analysis. For example, the imposition of tariffs on goods from China has led to trade disputes, which have affected global markets. Diplomatic conflicts also arose. Case-specific examples of these conflicts would help to illustrate this phenomenon, such as Trump's withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal, which has strained relationships with European allies. This action showed unpredictability in foreign policy. Examining such cases provides a clearer picture to show the negative effects of Trump's decisions, which impacted international relations and the global economy. The way to study the impact of this approach could be seen in Trump's foreign policy. Public opinion and party politics have likely affected Trump's decisions. Data on approval ratings could show if Trump reacted to public pressure. Analysis of media coverage could also show how news shaped his actions. Examining these domestic factors would give a fuller picture of Trump's foreign policy.

To address the challenges posed by Trump's foreign policy, the study proposes some features for a policy recommendation model, including real-time policy monitoring, adaptive learning systems, and the use of predictive analytics. Real-time monitoring, and the automated predictive analysis for example, could demonstrate how data-driven decision-making has gradually become a main source in improving diplomatic agility and resilience. The challenge, however, lies on the technical and financial resources required to develop and maintain such

systems and some resistances from traditional diplomatic institutions, which are wary of giving control to automated systems (Jones, 2022).

The implications of Trump's second term foreign policy for global governance who mostly disregard international norms have undermined the legitimacy of multilateral institutions and created a vacuum in global leadership. This made other powers, such as China and Russia, to affirm their influence and tries to reshape the international order in their favor (Allison, 2020). Since the paper only focuses on Trump's second term, it would be better if it also includes the potential continuity or divergence of these trends in succeeding administrations.

In conclusion, the unpredictability of Trump's foreign policy has created significant challenges for international actors, which make these new approaches crucial for future diplomacy and governance. By examining the theoretical analysis of his strategy, the impact of domestic politics, and the key areas affected by his policies, this study provides a comprehensive overview of the issues. However, to fully address the complexities of Trump's foreign policy, future research should incorporate primary data, explore alternative theoretical frameworks, and examine the adaptation strategies of different states and regions. Hopefully, through this paper, we could develop robust and actionable policy recommendations for navigating the uncertainties of an increasingly volatile global environment.

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