

Trump's Key Geopolitical Test as President

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From inception, America has always been a warrior nation – first seeking dominance from sea to shining sea, later after its coming of age more than a century ago, over planet earth, its resources and populations.

Former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis (1856 – 1941) once said America can't have both concentrated wealth and democracy. They're incompatible.

So are democracy and imperialism – exploitation of others for wealth and power, the American way from inception. Jack Kennedy was the only US president daring to challenge its permanent war agenda, paying with his life for trying.

Call it an impossible dream but here goes. Will Trump follow Kennedy's example? Will he stop attacking nations threatening no one to replace independent leaders with US-controlled ones?

Will he normalize ties with Russia and get along with Vladimir Putin, both leaders cooperating in combating terrorism?

On December 12, Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called lack of cooperation between both countries relevant to why ISIS managed to mount a significant offensive against Palmyra after its liberation in March.

"We regret that we still did not manage to prevent such active offenses," said Peskov. "We also regret that we still have no coordinated efforts and real cooperation with other countries, first of all with the United States, which is unwilling to cooperate. (It) likely (would have) enable(d) us to avoid similar attacks of terrorists."

He called "(p)ossible loss of Palmyra a blow to the entire civilized humankind rather than to Russia" because nothing is being done to cooperate in combating terrorism.

America supports the scourge it claims to oppose. Russia and its allies alone are serious about eliminating it.

We know how Obama and his partners in high crimes operated throughout his tenure, responsible for millions of casualties, vast destruction and appalling human misery.

It's unknown if Trump intends continuing America's imperial agenda or will curb endless wars of aggression. Will he get along with Russia and other independent nations or maintain hostile relations?

Will he be a warrior president like his predecessors or an advocate of peace and stability? There's no way to know until he's in office and begins serving.

Positive geopolitical comments made while campaigning are hollow unless confirmed by actions upholding them when inaugurated as president.

Enormous pressure already is being brought to bear on him to maintain adversarial relations with Russia and other independent countries, along with continuing Washington's imperial war agenda.

Will he go along to get along or go his own way? Soon enough we'll begin to know.

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