Trump or Biden? What it will result for the world and Poland?

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If Biden wins, Poland cannot stand by and remember the good old days - says Michał Baranowicz, the boss the Warsaw office of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

MICHAŁ SWIERCZYŃSKI: **Who will win?**

MICHAŁ BARANOWICZ: Everything indicates that Biden. He's still driving the difference of a good five points in the key *swing states*, *i.e.* states that must win and where the difference is smallest. Plus, he has a lot more now from Trump of a combination of these states, *i.e.* paths to win. If I talk to the Democrats, they say that the elections are really themselves they are winning. When I talk to Republicans they say take it easy, two more weeks. The president holds ten meetings a day, as in 2016.

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Four years ago, everyone saw Hillary Clinton win.

Opinion polls have been significantly improved. And the most important thing will be how the pandemic will affect the elections. It will be a referendum over whether or not Trump has dealt with the crisis, he will lose. If he can go in topics related to *top* "law and order", it will have an advantage. Trump points out that he has won against Hillary Clinton in the last 48 hours, so he is convinced that he still has a lot of time.

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The pandemic will decide the outcome, not everything that has happened throughout term of office?

It is easy difficult to win elections when there is an economic downturn. Of course, Trump defies all stereotypes, but the situation is completely unusual. In Poland, it is difficult to understand how dramatically they experience it. Americans: children have not been in school for six to seven months, 30 million people lost their jobs, over 200 thousand. have died, more than 4 million are infected. The unemployed do not have health insurance, it is a shock for the country. Trump was convinced in January that he will win in the retire. The economy was doing great, he had enormous support from his own base. Anyway, the biggest mistake and that through things were bad during his reign, there was no crisis. And here came the crisis the biggest for several decades and the president did not live up to it. Trump sucks by hand - there's Kushner and a few other people, but in the end he's concentrating authorities. It turned out that twists cannot deal with the pandemic.

Is this a personal failure of Trump or the American system?

Of course, we don't know how another president would have fared. We know, however, that Trump was skeptical about the advice of scientists, he only complained how quickly closed the entry from China. But the failure goes deeper: it is a federal system versus state, a health care system that is great but for wealthy. The geopolitical effects will be huge, because the crisis has broken faith into the power of the USA. It's fascinating that a power with such wealth and with such technology has gone through so badly and is going through for months.

America is very divided

What is America like after four years on Trump's presidency?

Most of all, dramatically divided. That's probably the biggest effect of this presidency. There were divisions, of course, before that, but Trump has deepened them. *Not in fact* two Americans living in their information bubbles, non-talking, which resembles what is happening in Poland. Country to the pandemic was economically strong, but in foreign policy she began "America First" resulted in a transactional approach to allies and greater loneliness.

And weakening?

There is ample evidence that America still has economic strength, and for sure military. These four years were a time of quite concrete arming. But at the same time the biggest enemy has grown in strength - China 2020 is a completely different China than in 2016 You have to tell Trump that he focused on this dimension. So weaker America may not be, but it is more lonely and yet to the detriment of *soft power*, which is the responsibility of Trump himself.

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The Trump presidency is a doctrine known as the competition of powers, Trump chose China and Russia as rivals of the States, and they subjugated this one competition in many dimensions of politics.

This is indeed a big shift in American thinking. Imagine that in 2016, Clinton wins - the US would also compete with China, but in a different one style. Security and defense strategies were written by people who thought mainstream, in Washington style. Trump added his own style. personal emphasis on competition with China, although he also tried to make friends with Xi Jinping. The biggest difference is how the United States deals with order the world they created after World War II to these allies. In Europe, NATO and Asia. Trump treated everyone separately and was the first to ask: what can you do for me.

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It was downright personal. Trump had a weird relationship with Kim Jong Un(to, trying to communicate with Putin, broke down in a surprising way relations with the German chancellor; in turn, he called the Polish president the best friend and on this relationship he built relations with most country. Trump personalized external policy.

I would add two countries along a more traditional line, that is, relations with the prime minister Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu and Prince Muhammad bin Salman from Saudi Arabia. There are also those completely non-traditional - very sincere words friendship with Kim Jong Un and that *Bolsonaro* from Brazil. In Europe really good relations with Poland and very bad relations with Merkel. This shows how very much foreign policy was the domain of Trump himself. There was no account of States, only with the Oval Office. Trump lacked our everyone who had him they disturbed. He appreciates Mike's secretary Pompeo because he does not betray any disagreement. And the person with the greatest influence on foreign affairs is Jared Kushner, his son-in-law, more important than the secretary of state or defense.

The politics of values versus the politics of strength

What are the consequences of these four years in the world - politics based on one's own beliefs, relationships, goals?

The world system is shifting from being based on institutions and shared values based mainly on US-China competition. We have weakened international institutions, even their collapse, is the best example of the WTO and WHO. We have much more personal, transactional, some will say vassal relations with America's allies. You are either with us or against us. The question is whether the United States is copying when strength matters more and less principle better or worse? Trump believes that when he gets rid of the rules and stays strong, it will be easier to deal with a strong opponent, and certainly with a weaker one.

In the short term, we can conclude that we have gained from Trump -

I mean Poland and the region from Estonia to Romania.

Absolutely, but you have to see two aspects. In the bilateral dimension, Poland it has definitely gained - we have a greater military presence, trade, visas lifted, military partnership deepened. We also gained politically it shows in frequent visits. In general terms, it is different, as a result of Trump's actions, we live in a world that is more jittery, less predictable and, above all, less and less based on rules, institutions, in a world more and more jungle, where we as country on the flank and with limited resources, and we worse off than *anyone else powerful*. From a historical perspective, we know what can happen in such situations happen.

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What happens if Trump wins

Will Trump 2.0 be a simple continuation?

I believe we should forget everything we know about him. The only thing that is obvious is its unpredictability. It's cliche, but it's really worth it take to heart. Trump can do something we can't even imagine. In Europe, I expect a continuation of economic competition, a harsher approach, if not a direct trade war.

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After the US elections, everyone else will somehow line up. Germany will have to decide if they want to continue getting along with the States that don't they only *chose* Trump for the first time, but chose him a second time. Do they want to be part of the West or defined, or perhaps they will bet on greater independence European? Poza, I think, has already to some wave digested this thinking about America looking much more Chinese and weaker. Second this term of office will be a signal to allies and opposents that there is a change permanent.

For Poland, Trump's second term would be more of an opportunity or a threat?

We should expect good bilateral relations and deepening military cooperation and on the new nuclear front. He won't be here surprises, but you would have to think about what the ambassador is signaling Georgian Morshchyn: on human rights issues, and above all media freedom. The question is what the Trump presidency means in a broader sense context: the reaction in Europe will certainly be a return to the rhetoric of autonomy strategy. There is also a question about the future about the transatlantic relationship. Second term be is a really liberated president. Today he has most of the strings in his hand, and after the election it will have absolutely all of them.

So not Trump 2.0, but Trump squared?

Very accurate. Trump will be convinced that he is the best and infallible - indeed if he wins. I'll start to wonder if he is in his own way. Area in which second term presidents can fulfill themselves in politics foreign. Trump get along with all his colleagues in the world, but no with the president of Russia. Failed due to internal conditions, impeachment, the Mueller commission ...

There will be an opportunity: Trump has an agreement at his fingertips maintain strategic arms control.

The Russians are sending signals that they will agree to extend the agreement for a year a great opportunity to build something serious. And let's emphasize, because it is very much important: to build great relationships.

Now the US reset with Russia?

Joe Biden will not reject the nuclear deal with Russia either.

When it comes to New START - yes. This approach will be extremely interesting. US there seems to be Biden and only Biden, and there are huge debates, yes, yes. Campaigns work substantively - the policy team itself foreign is about a thousand people. They're making policies right now as well towards Russia. What will determine her? Of course, at the highest level strategic matters, START, competition with China, global order. Very it will also be important that Russia has become a factor in domestic politics American.

And the Democrats have more resentment against Russia than the Republicans.

Democrats believe Russia helped Trump win in 2016. Trump activists especially feel a strong aversion to Russia. Alone Biden is not young, his closest associates are the generation that expanded NATO. But there are wolf cubs who knocked out their teeth while working for Clinton and losing. Getting along with Russia can be very important to them problematic.

Which does not matter that there is a reset thread in the American debate. A couple weeks ago, a famous article was published calling for an agreement with Russia, signed by many prominent figures.

There was one letter signed by over a hundred activists, thinkers, etc., but then another appeared, also signed by Democrats and Republicans. Both have not been signed by people who really have an impact Biden. I would not expect a 24-reset. Rather a new opening with understanding that Russia is ok. The greatest danger in the case of the Trump presidency, which we should look at very carefully, there is an agreement with Russia in opposition to China. The so-called inverted *nixon* de Kissinger. If US policy shifts towards force and vice versa values, this cannot be ruled out.

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What would Biden's win mean for Poland?

Biden's associates have been talking a lot about Poland and Poland lately. Mike Carpenter seems to be reassuring: Ivan, Poles, you have nothing to fear, even for right-wing governments, a left-wing or liberal president is more a disaster, but think about equality issues.

the rule of law, the judiciary, the media - you must not exclude anyone and limit anyone's rights. Why are they doing this?

Carpenter is indeed broad and credible. From the right security and defense beside a continuation, perhaps even strengthening. What shows why Americans are here. Not because they love us - though of course they love us - but we are in an important place, they care about their interests. Trump I consulted the media as the first area of dispute, but also human rights, i.e. LGBT and the rule of law. Ambassador Mosbacher *picked* them up strongly, but Pompeo or Trump not anymore. If what Americans consider to be core values, will be bent or threatened by the Polish government, this will translate into temperature our relationship. After November 3, the Polish government will not change its policy suddenly by 180 st.

The question is: to what extent will these rather soft issues, values, *connect* with hard economic and security interests. There are votes in the Party Democratic, that this is the biggest screw for the United States, so you have to tighten it. The other side says that values are values, and security matters are above divisions. Hope so pragmatism. But you should expect less intensity of contacts, because they will be less comfortable for both sides.

Why?

Poland has become a negative symbol, also in the USA. Biden may not want to show up so often with Polish politicians. Not about Kaczyński, but fair, because when we are associated with Hungary, it is not surprising, but when we are associated with Turkey - that's it.

Or Belarus.

It seems to me that not entirely, but such a narrative also appears. Consequences they will be political, but we have too many common interests to be sacrificed on the altar of internal politics. Hope we don't see what I see. Hungary: Viktor Orbán has openly said he has no plan B, he pays *exclusively* on Trump. Hungary has a completely different relationship to russia transatlantic, also to relations with China and Russia. Poliish on it geopolitically not Russian.

Will Europeans collectively forsake if Biden is victorious?