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America's Response To A Changing World

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At the start of the year, we were given four options and we had to make an argument for which was best for America. Option 1: Lead the World to a Democracy. Option 2: Protect U.S. Global Interests. Option 3: Build A More Cooperative World. Option 4: Protect The U.S. Homeland. Out of these four, or any other option, I think Option 3 is the best one to deal with a broad spectrum of politics. Including Climate Change, Terrorism, and the World Economy.

Firstly, the impending effects of climate change are seen around the world. Smog in China creating higher lead levels across the globe. Drought in California resulting in lower crops yields and the beginnings of carbon taxes. Higher sea levels which could flood entire island countries in our lifetime. And mountains of more data showing how futile each country is. Yet it shows a common goal. The world know this, and responded with the Climate Summit in Paris. Only with the help of every country, can we pull ourselves out of demise.

Secondly, another common goal around the globe is fighting terrorism. American history in the middle east has been has created resentment and hatred in the past. Like in Iran where the U.S. helped stage a coup against a democratically elected leader (Mohammad Mossadegh). That is why I think military campaigns should be a last resort. Investing in the UN can help solve the problem as a global community. While making sure human rights are upheld. It is the optimum option while having everyone involved to help agreements and benefits everyone the most.

Lastly, I believe that America's multi-trillion dollar economy has the ability to help those who can't help themselves. Yet the rest of the world seems to be ahead of us. For example, in Europe where at least one million Syrian refugees are fleeing conflict. Even if we don't want to give any of them status at home, the least we can do is give them funds. Or, Like in president Obama's last State of the Union Address, "And we have the chance to accomplish the same thing with malaria — something I'll be pushing Congress to fund this year". Or we could have helped the Syria people before the civil war broke out.

To conclude, I think that Option 3: Build A More Cooperative World is the best choice to deal with Climate Change, Terrorists, the Economy and nearly every branch of American politics based on everything stated. Many people might think living in another Tim eerily might be more fun or interesting. But our time is the most pivotal in human history where the average person has more power to change the world than ever before. But it won't last forever.