

Trump's Mercantilism and Structural Realism

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Speaking as someone not affiliated with a political party since 2002, both parties have failed to implement policies capable of producing an exponential economic growth rate that can offset the exponential rate of debt growth.

Both parties have also failed to win the terrorist war by not implementing a campaign of annihilation to destroy the enemy and their will to fight.

As American capitalism enters an advanced stage of decay, the post WWII economic and international order is crumbling across the globe. A financially and militarily overextended United States is heading face first into a multi polar regional realignment.

Trump has turned the amplifier up to 11 and is striking 2 power chords. Essentially he is jamming out elements of mercantilism and structural realism.

Trump is hammering home mercantilist policies on the balance of trade, tariffs, exchange rates, export platforms, and protectionism.

Trump also seems to be hammering home core principles of structural realism, such as anarchy being inherent in the international system, states being the most important actors in that system, and states doing what it takes to maximize their survival, security, and independence.

Both mercantilism and structural realism fly in the face of the Republican and Democratic Parties. The dysfunctional incrementalists in both parties cling to their failed idealistic ideology with very poor results to hold up as a success.