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## In “America First” Speech At UN, Trump Defends Sovereignty

In a [speech](#) that attracted everything from praise and applause to horror and shock from conservatives, President Donald Trump basically told the United Nations General Assembly and its members that he was going to put America First and that sovereign nation-states should also put the interests of their own citizens first. Still, he suggested governments should cooperate within the UN to make the world better, and to deal with certain rogue regimes. Basically, Trump outlined what the administration is calling an “America First” foreign policy toward the UN and other nations guided by “Principled Realism.” It was a sharp contrast [from Obama’s final UNGA address demanding Americans “accept constraints” on U.S. sovereignty](#) to bring about the UN’s vision for humanity.



After demanding UN “reform” and thanking the [global body’s socialist secretary-general](#), Trump also lambasted a number of the UN’s most barbarian member regimes — those ruling North Korea, Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela, in particular. He highlighted the unfair burden imposed on the United States by the UN — most notably its massive share of the UN budget — and suggested that other nations would have to do more. And throughout the speech, Trump repeatedly emphasized the need for national sovereignty and independence, using the words sovereign or sovereignty almost two dozen times. In later remarks, though, [Trump showered praise on the UN](#), sparking concerns among some of his supporters.

Despite the stern tone of the historic speech, and repeated calls for more patriotism from people all over the world, Trump gave credence to some of the bogus narratives underpinning the UN and its globalist agenda. And he also outlined a vision of a UN that has the power to rein in governments — a potentially catastrophic mistake. Still, many of his supporters were pleased with Trump’s calls to reform the UN, and with his hard line on defending the nation-state against the globalist establishment’s perpetual attacks on national sovereignty. Not everyone was convinced, though, with some critics suggesting Trump had surrendered key ground to the globalist agenda.

At the center of Trump’s stated vision for the future of the UN, as he put it in his speech, are strong, sovereign nation-states — [a vision that would seem to be at odds with the globalist utopia of regional governments, such as the European Union and the African Union, that are loyal to the UN](#) and “international” law. “If this organization is to have any hope of successfully confronting the challenges before us, it will depend, as President Truman said some 70 years ago, on the independent strength of its members,” Trump told government leaders and dictators from all over the world assembled at UN



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headquarters.

“If we are to embrace the opportunities of the future and overcome the present dangers together, there can be no substitute for strong, sovereign, and independent nations — nations that are rooted in their histories and invested in their destinies; nations that seek allies to befriend, not enemies to conquer; and most important of all, nations that are home to patriots, to men and women who are willing to sacrifice for their countries, their fellow citizens, and for all that is best in the human spirit,” the president continued. “In remembering the great victory that led to this body’s founding, we must never forget that those heroes who fought against evil also fought for the nations that they loved.”

Patriotism, Trump continued, is what led the Polish people to fight and die for Poland. It is also what motivated the French to fight for a free France, and the British to “stand strong” for Britain. Without patriotism, Trump suggested, the world will be in trouble. “Today, if we do not invest ourselves, our hearts, and our minds in our nations, if we will not build strong families, safe communities, and healthy societies for ourselves, no one can do it for us,” he said in remarks that were widely described by the establishment media as “nationalist.” Trump himself went from promoting Americanism and strongly condemning globalism on the campaign trail, to claiming he was both a nationalist and a globalist, confusing many of his supporters.

Trump went on to thank UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, [a lifelong socialist leader and a globalist extremist](#), for supposedly “recognizing that the United Nations must reform if it is to be an effective partner in confronting threats to sovereignty, security, and prosperity.” “Too often the focus of this organization has not been on results, but on bureaucracy and process,” Trump said, noting that some states have tried to subvert the UN’s supposedly “noble aims” by allegedly “hijacking” the systems that are supposed to advance them. As an example, he pointed to [“governments with egregious human rights records” sitting on the discredited UN “Human Rights Council,”](#) which Trump ridiculed as “a massive source of embarrassment.”

In [remarks made later at a luncheon](#), Trump continued to praise Guterres and the UN, saying it was “a great honor” to have the UN in New York. “For years I’ve been a critic, but I’ve also been somebody that said that the United Nations has tremendous potential,” Trump said. “But there is no better forum; there can be no better forum. And certainly there can be no better location where everybody comes together. So, I want to congratulate you.... The potential of the United Nations is unlimited, and I really believe — I’ve met your representatives, and I know you well. You are going to do things that will be epic, and I certainly hope you will.”

Those remarks had Trump supporters scratching their heads — especially considering that, [on the campaign trail, Trump correctly pointed out that the UN was not a friend of freedom or the United States](#). Indeed, both his supporters and his most rabid globalist critics from the swamp believed Trump would truly work to rein in the dictators club once in office. And while [he has sought major budget cuts](#), and [expressed interest in eventually leaving the UN’s pseudo-treaty on “climate” known as the Paris Agreement](#), Trump has thus far lent some legitimacy to the UN itself and many of its broader objectives.

Still, he strongly emphasized the need for patriotism. “The true question for the United Nations today, for people all over the world who hope for better lives for themselves and their children, is a basic one: Are we still patriots?” Trump asked. “Do we love our nations enough to protect their sovereignty and to take ownership of their futures? Do we revere them enough to defend their interests, preserve their cultures, and ensure a peaceful world for their citizens?” Contrary to globalist ideology, which views



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nations as an archaic remnant of another age, Trump also said that “the nation-state remains the best vehicle for elevating the human condition.”

While there were few specifics on what sort of reform Trump wanted, he outlined a vision of strong nation states cooperating within a UN that supposedly exists to preserve peace. “Our hope is a world of proud, independent nations that embrace their duties, seek friendship, respect others, and make common cause in the greatest shared interest of all: a future of dignity and peace for the people of this wonderful Earth,” he said, invoking God the Creator who made everyone. “This is the true vision of the United Nations, the ancient wish of every people, and the deepest yearning that lives inside every sacred soul.”

Among his few concrete complaints, Trump did raise concerns about the price to U.S. taxpayers. “The United States is one out of 193 countries in the United Nations, and yet we pay 22 percent of the entire budget and more,” Trump explained. “In fact, we pay far more than anybody realizes. The United States bears an unfair cost burden, but, to be fair, if it could actually accomplish all of its stated goals, especially the goal of peace, this investment would easily be well worth it.” It is true that U.S. government pays an inordinate share of the UN’s expenses — more than \$10 billion last year, which is more than 185 other nations, combined. But the UN’s [stated goals include global wealth redistribution, government control of production and consumption, international taxes, a world currency, the indoctrination of children worldwide to support the UN’s totalitarian “sustainable development” ideology, and much more.](#)

There were other concerning statements in Trump’s speech. “This institution was founded in the aftermath of two world wars to help shape this better future,” Trump told presidents, dictators, and others assembled in New York City for the annual UN General Assembly confab. “It was based on the vision that diverse nations could cooperate to protect their sovereignty, preserve their security, and promote their prosperity.” Doubling down, Trump even said the UN was created “to defend the sovereignty, security, and prosperity for all.”

Unfortunately, that narrative has been somewhat successfully pushed by the establishment for generations. But the true purpose of the UN was far more sinister even from the start — and this is clear not just from looking at the UN’s fruits. For one, it is worth recalling that one of the key U.S. officials involved in its founding, Alger Hiss, who served as the secretary-general at the UN’s founding, was later exposed and convicted in court as a spy for the mass-murdering regime enslaving the Soviet Union. Murderous Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin himself was a key figure in the UN’s founding as well. And even officially non-communist officials involved in establishing the UN have offered troubling indications of its true purpose.

For instance, John Foster Dulles, a leading architect of the UN who went on to become U.S. secretary of state, outlined the agenda in his 1950 book *War or Peace*. “The United Nations represents not a final stage in the development of world order, but only a primitive stage,” explained Dulles, a founder of the globalist swamp known as the Council on Foreign Relations. “Therefore its primary task is to create the conditions which will make possible a more highly developed organization.” Later in the book, Dulles dropped another bombshell: “I have never seen any proposal made for collective security with teeth in it, or for world government or for world federation, which could not be carried out either by the United Nations or under the United Nations Charter.”

Truly reforming the corrupt dictators club to conform with Trump’s publicly articulated “America First” vision of sovereign nations is impossible. Indeed, the UN was founded, as its own architects revealed, to



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slowly erode that sovereignty on the road to a totalitarian global system that leading globalists often refer to in public as the “New World Order.” Rather than reforming it, the U.S. government should withdraw from the UN and evict its spy-infested headquarters from American soil. Legislation in Congress, the [American Sovereignty Restoration Act \(H.R. 193\)](#), would do precisely that. But for America to truly regain its sovereignty and neutralize the globalist threat posed by the UN, Americans must get educated and active in the fight.

Image: Screenshot of [ABC News youtube video of Trump’s speech](#)

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