How midterms could shape U.S. foreign policy



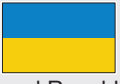
Winning the House of Representatives and possibly the Senate in the midterm elections could give Democrats the power to block some of President Donald Trump's policies

CURB IRAN WAR



- Democrats could **cut defence spending** to pressure Trump *(left)* to obtain approval from Congress to continue war
- They could also require Trump administration officials to **testify publicly** about their plans

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



- Trump largely halted aid to Kyiv despite broad support from Democratic and Republican lawmakers as it fights Russian invasion
- Victory in midterms could allow Democrats to **approve new aid**, which likely would pass with two-thirds majorities needed to overcome Trump veto
- They could also block Trump's **plan to release Russian diesel** into global markets

AID TO ISRAEL



- Democrats could vote to **end military aid**, as support for Israel erodes over its conduct in Gaza war
- Other factors include ongoing violence in West Bank and close alliance between Israeli Prime Minister ***Benjamin Netanyahu*** *(right)* and Republicans



- Some Democrats who oppose cutting aid have backed **limits on heavy weapon sales** to Israel

MILITARY SPENDING/FOREIGN AID

- Democrats are far more likely than Republicans to **limit military spending** – they blocked Trump's $1.5 trillion 2027 defence budget request in Senate
- Democrats angered by Trump's cuts to foreign aid say they will try to **restore funding**

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