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Among the most important problems plaguing the United States today are the dismal economic conditions and the insistence of past administration to work unilaterally abroad. Solutions to these problems will not be easily found or even applied, but the United States can make a goal for itself right now that will certainly aid the situation: creating a new multilateralism. Global problems require global attention, and the United States is one of the most powerful nations in the global arena. The UN, however, is no longer a good way to engage willing nations to fight global problems. The organization is outdated, corrupt, and far too reliant upon the United States.

The United States should attempt to work multilaterally, but without the current UN. Reforms of the UN or the creation of a new international organization should be the U.S.'s first priority in its foreign policy plans. This future will affect the lives of Americans positively. A new UN that would work towards solutions to global problems in an assertive, honest way will give way to a healthier world that will allow America and its partners to flourish.

Our world is currently faced with many global problems such as drug trafficking, AIDS, terrorism, etc. So far the U.S. has spent hundreds of billions in addressing these global problems and even more in foreign aid to developing countries. These high-profile foreign policy programs have only bred us resentment and made us enemies. Therefore over the next ten years the U.S. must scale back on foreign involvement, stop acting unilaterally in regards to international affairs, and work with other powerful nations to develop the UN as a recognized authority. With this future the UN can handle global issues and crisis, we can focus on our own problems such as a sagging economy, homeland security, and a shaky health care system, and other nation won't resent us as much.

This future plan consists on cooperating with others nations as well as building on the United States. Cooperating with the other nation will help bring medical attention with people like AIDs, can put a stop to drug trafficking, and terrorism will be subdued or weakened. As for protecting the United States, 9/ 11 has made us feel vulnerable. We need to cut the cost of helping others so that we can have a nation with good healthcare, security, and a good economy. Our greatest problems for these plans will be balancing out. There will be some negative such as it would limit our military outside of the United States. But when we end up cooperating we will start opening up new trade and have better relations with other countries. We need to protect ourselves before we start helping other nations.

We spend so much time worried about domestic problems that we forget that foreign affairs affect those domestic problems a lot of the time. I realize the economy is

terrible and we have to worry about things like bankruptcy and terrorism and all that good stuff. But we need to put more time into things like Iran or North Korea. We could strive to be more multilateral in the world. We should create no bilateral agreements or do anything that could aggravate a country. The key to keeping this country safe is making friends. I realize it would be near impossible to make friends with everybody but we could sure try. Who cares if Obama would be seen as weak? Why should that bother us? If, in the long run, he makes this country safer then his approval ratings will shoot back up. He has high enough approval ratings already. I am just saying that we need to build up the rest of the world. Developing or third world countries seem to affect all the word in a most negative way. We are not doing enough to better these places. Maybe if we can work through the U.N. to try to get some countries or states to become friendly with everyone then we can begin our journey to making the world a safer place for everyone.

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