

Outlook for US Presidential Election and Future of Japan-US Relations

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1. International Consequences of the U.S. Presidential Election

- Remarkably close race / Outcomes in battleground states will be key / U.S. politics and society in the aftermath of the election
- The two candidates have contrasting views about U.S. national interest
- The outcome of Senate and House elections will also be important

2. Bilateral Relations between the United States and Japan

- Neither candidate have elaborated their policy toward Japan
- Harris administration's approach
- Trump administration's approach
- The Ishiba government is unlikely to dramatically depart or deviate from existing policy

3. U.S. Policy Toward Third Countries and Implications for Japan

- Managing three theaters
- The War in Ukraine
- The Conflict in the Middle East
- China Policy
- Korean Peninsula
- Minilaterals in the Indo-Pacific

4. Final Thoughts

- Traditional U.S. strategic functions and global influence is undergoing change
- U.S. allies and partners will have to adapt to a post-primacy America