

More Details On Foreign Policy

There is at least one thing on which President Trump and Senator Whitehouse agree: war. In March, Senator Whitehouse was one of only ten Democratic senators to vote to prolong the devastating Trump-backed Saudi war in Yemen, the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. What's more, Whitehouse has glowingly praised defense firms, like Rhode Island's General Dynamics, which donate substantially to his political campaigns but return little to the community. Unlike Senator Whitehouse, I don't want money from big defense corporations. Instead, I want respect for international law, an end to immoral and wasteful US wars, and smarter government spending which will transfer funds from gluttonous corporate defense subsidies to healthcare, education and infrastructure. I will end Senator Whitehouse's Trump-like foreign policy and fight for strength through peace.

In particular, I will, firstly, **fight** to end US-Saudi war in Yemen. In particular, I will strengthen existing conditions for US support for the Saudi-UAE coalition to include the complete cessation of the naval blockade of Yemen, a principal factor in the country's devastating famine and cholera epidemic. This will be a first step towards ending the senseless war in Yemen which Senator Whitehouse has voted to prolong. I will, secondly, **work** to reduce tensions in hot spots across the globe, like Eastern Europe and North Korea, by advocating for the replacement of American military deployment in these areas with sensible diplomacy and respect for international law.

I will also **advocate** for the creation of a Senate peace caucus whose members will fight to resolve international conflicts with diplomacy. The peace caucus will also release periodic reports regarding the proportion of the military budget which would be better spent on domestic matters like healthcare, education and infrastructure. I will **push** for the US ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Unlike President Trump and Senator Whitehouse who have both praised wasteful and dangerous spending on nuclear weapons, I want to make the US a leader in world peace and disarmament.

Finally, I will **replace** Senator Whitehouse's reflexive rhetorical support for Rhode Island defense contractors, like General Dynamics and Raytheon, with careful criticism of their relationship to normal Rhode Islanders. These businesses receive massive federal and state subsidies and return little to the community. I want to change that.

My vision for the United States of America corresponds to that advocated in the Declaration of Independence: not one of exceptionalism, hegemony, and imperialism with its dominance and force, but one of that "separate, but equal status to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle us",,, "among the nations of the world".