

**Summary of Key Points from Presentations and Discussions:
The Washington D.C. Roundtable on Trends in U.S. Foreign Policy**

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On April 2, 2001, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, in partnership with the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars (Washington, D.C.) and the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C., organised a roundtable on Trends in U.S. Foreign Policy. The roundtable was the second in a series of discussions taking place in the U.S. and Canada over a three months period (San Diego - March 20, Edmonton - April 12, Toronto - May 18, Halifax, Denver). Prominent U.S. thinkers, former U.S. officials, and Canadian officials met to address:

- 1) emerging directions of U.S. foreign policy,
- 2) trans-Atlantic relations,
- 3) "humanitarian" intervention and regional conflicts, and
- 4) domestic sources of U.S. foreign policy.

Among the participants were Chantal de Jonge Oudraat (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), Kent Hughes (former senior Commerce Department official and current Woodrow Wilson Centre Public Policy Scholar), Jane Holl Lute (United Nations Association), Thom Shanker (New York Times) and Daniel Abele (Canadian Embassy in Washington). The discussion was chaired by Robert Litwak (Director of International Studies, Woodrow Wilson Centre). Steven Lee (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development) made opening remarks. Blair Bobyk (U.S. Relations Division), and Marketa Geislerova (CCFPD) attended from DFAIT.

1. Emerging Directions of U.S. Foreign Policy

Critics of early Bush administration directions lament that emerging U.S. foreign policy exhibits three worrisome tendencies:

- unilateralism
- revival of Cold War style antagonisms
- growth of personal antagonisms based on ideology

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