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## I / Debating America's Global Role: America First versus Liberal Internationalism

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### Acronyms and abbreviations

**NAFTA:** The North American Free Trade Agreement, implemented in 1994, created a free trade zone between the United States, Canada, and Mexico

**APEC:** The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is a regional forum established in 1989 to promote free trade, economic growth, and cooperation among countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

**GATT trade regime:** The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is a multilateral agreement signed in 1947 to promote international trade by reducing tariffs and trade barriers. It was a response to protectionist policies that hindered global trade before WWII. GATT laid the groundwork for the creation of the World Trade Organization.

**G-7:** The G-7, or Group of Seven, is an informal group of advanced industrialized nations formed in the 1970s—Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S.—that collaborates on global issues such as climate change, security, and development.

**Trump 2.0:** Trump 2.0 refers to the policies, priorities, and strategies of the second Donald Trump Administration.

**Internationalism:** Internationalism is a political and diplomatic approach that emphasizes cooperation and collaboration among nations to address global challenges. It emphasizes that countries can achieve more by working together.

**Isolationism:** Isolationism is a foreign policy approach where a country avoids involvement in international politics. It focuses on domestic affairs and minimizing foreign entanglements.

**Realist Approach:** The realist approach in international relations holds that states act in pursuit of power in an anarchic system. It views conflict as inevitable and cooperation as limited by national interests.

