

Trump Warns: "Lunatic" Biden Could Start World War III

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Former US leader and current Republican Party presidential candidate Donald Trump warned in Michigan on April 2 that US President Joe Biden could trigger World War III.

Trump's comments come as he surges in the polls while Biden's policy on Ukraine is continuously scrutinised. The former president also criticised the way his successor handled the nuclear issue, questioned his mental condition, and claimed that other foreign powers respected the US during his presidency.

"This guy has no clue," the former president said about Biden. "He can't put two sentences together, and he's dealing with Putin, and he's dealing with President Xi, and he's dealing with Kim Jong-un. All people I know very well. We were under no threat from anybody until this guy got in office. Now they're talking nuclear all the time. We didn't talk nuclear."

Trump recalled that, during his term, he rebuilt "nuclear power" to a level that "no one has" and that, in this context, it was "four safe years."

"You were safe because they respected your president, and they respected the United States of America. And now you're not safe. I will tell you we could end up in World War III with this lunatic," he stressed.

According to a new <u>Wall Street Journal poll</u> published on April 3, Trump leads Biden in six of the seven closest swing states. Although Biden won Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania in 2020, Trump now holds a two-point lead in Michigan and a three-point lead in Pennsylvania. Biden also won Georgia, Nevada, and Arizona in the last election, but now the three states have stronger support for Trump, with the former president leading Georgia by

three points, Nevada by four points, and Arizona by five points.

In a recent statement to USA Today, Trump spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt said:

"There are more than 100 polls showing President Trump crushing Joe Biden, including recent polling that has him leading in every key battleground state and winning independents by double digits."

The prospect of Trump's return has triggered an increase in debate among NATO allies about what Europe should do to ensure Washington continues to invest in transatlantic security.

The Republicans' possible return also raised concerns among European officials that Trump could withdraw US aid to Ukraine because of comments that he would try to end the war in one day.

Reuters, citing five diplomats, reported on April 2 that NATO boss Jens Stoltenberg has proposed a \$107 billion, five-year package of military aid to Ukraine so the Western alliance could have a more direct role in supporting Kiev. The NATO chief said the plan is in part "to shield against winds of political change," but Trump is foremost on the minds of many, a senior NATO diplomat told the British agency.

The diplomats said that discussions were only at an early stage and that it was still unclear whether the \$107 billion would be accepted by all 32 members—since a consensus must be reached—or how it would be financed.

"It goes some way to protecting in case of Trump. But it is impossible to create something Trump-proof," said another diplomat. "A fund of 100 billion looks very optimistic, knowing how difficult it was to agree on a smaller amount at EU level."

As part of the proposed package, NATO could also take over the operational functions of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, which coordinates arms deliveries from around 50 countries to Kiev and is now led by the US.

With NATO's Europe Supreme Allied Commander, General Chris Cavoli, in office, such a move could protect the Group from any political changes after the November US elections.

In effect, NATO recognises that there is a high possibility that Trump could return to the White House and is already preparing for a post-Biden scenario. Biden has supported most initiatives for Ukraine, but as his cognitive decline deepens and his numbers suffer in the polls, a Trump victory would almost certainly result in the retraction of support and force Kiev to negotiate with Moscow.

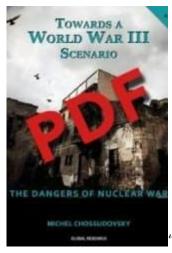
As Trump highlighted, Biden is a "lunatic" who is fanning the flames of a Third World War. Although it is unlikely the US would escalate with Russia to the extent of World War III for the sake of Ukraine, the former president highlights that global tensions were not as intense as they have been since Biden came to power, and he aims to return to this scenario. This prospect frightens NATO and much of Europe.

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