

REPUBLICANS VERSUS DEMOCRATS: A CRITICAL AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE US FOREIGN POLICY, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON AFRICA

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ABSTRACT

Although all the American presidents' foreign policy has focused on confirming and maintaining America as the super economic, political and military power, there seem to exist a clear cut difference in the management of international issues, whether the ruling party is the Democrats or the Republicans. If it seems to the American successive leaders that "keeping the union, insuring domestic tranquility, providing for the common defense,..."¹ depends on the amount of strengths they show to the rest of the world; it is also apparent that from the Democrats ruling of the USA to the Republicans', there is an impression that the entire world has moved from peace to unrest, with war scenes here and there in the world, promoted or supported the US Republican administration, on the premise of fighting terrorists abroad, promoting democracy or exercising their rights of humanitarian assistance. A basis of such comparison of the Democrats and Republicans foreign policy could be the four last presidential terms, with Clinton and Obama's presidency marked with almost no apparent international conflicts including America, and Bush and Trump's presidencies marked successively with the US-Iraq war, the war in Syria and the crisis with Iran, to mention a little. The present paper aims at highlighting the differences in the international relations between the Democrats and the Republicans ruling of America in general, and the specific interest the two parties have had for Africa. The aspects of international relations here are strictly based on management of war and peace in the global world, in the one hand, and the American assistance on various domains in Africa. The methodology used is based on documentation and critical analysis, and the literary theory applied is the New Historicist Criticism.

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¹US Department of State, 2004, *About America : The Constitution of the USA, with Exploratory Notes*, Page 10