

### **Economic War Room - Status Update:**

An insider perspective from the U. S. National Security Council. Economic warfare has been a tool the U.S. has used against its adversaries to create change and avoid wars. Unfortunately, many previous presidential administrations have not recognized that economic warfare is also being waged against America. A conversation with Kevin Freeman and Fred Fleitz.

### **Your Mission:**

To understand the geopolitical dynamics around the world between economic warfare and national security. Second, to share this document and help more people understand the link between national security and our economic freedom.

"It is very clear that President Trump is intensely interested in making sure trade deals with foreign countries be fair. That there not be theft of intellectual property, and that there not be forced transfer of technology. To do this he has brought on an incredible team."

-Fred Fleitz President and CEO of the Center for Security Policy

### **National Security and Economics - Trump is Focused on the people:**

"This is a story I want to tell because this is economic war. A friend of mine had me for lunch at the president's golf club in West Palm Beach. We were sitting in the restaurant and the president and a bunch of his golfing buddies came off the links. They came into the restaurant and he immediately started asking questions about the economy with my host and another man in the room. As soon as he gets off the golf course, he's talking economics. This shows what a serious president he is as it relates to the economy." -Fred Fleitz at Mar-a-Lago



#### **Fred Fleitz Bio:**

Fred had held national security jobs for 25 years with CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department, and the House Intelligence Committee. For six months this year I was chief of staff and executive secretary to the National Security Council working for John Bolton. Fred also worked with John Bolton's as his chief of staff at the State Department. He is currently President/CEO of the Center for Security Policy.

## World Leaders understand Trump's Priorities on Fair Trade

"And I can tell you from my interactions with foreign leaders the first things he wants to talk about are the American economy and jobs. Are you buying our farm products? Are you buying our automobiles? And if there's a trade imbalance, he gives foreign leaders an earful. If a foreign leader wants to speak to the president they first have to go through this, because that's the president's priority. And once you get through this discussion, the president gets to say what he has to say until he gets the answers that he wants. Then he'll talk about whatever the foreign leader is interested in. So, I think in terms of economics and protecting the economic security of this country, the president is intensely interested in that." -Fred Fleitz shares Trump's Priority with World Leaders

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## (OSINT) – Open Sourced Intelligence Briefing

Kevin Freeman and Fred Fleitz discuss geopolitical threats and provide an insider perspective from the National Security Council

### The National Security Council Administration:

- A. President Trump has a Reagan-like approach to our national security and our economic security. President Reagan tried to throw out the diplomatic and economic rulebook and do what was right for the American people.
- B. President Trump's philosophy is on this path because he's chosen good people. With Pompeo, Bolton, Navarro, and Kudlow, he really has good people who put out the general theme for economic security. All are working well together and focused on national and economic security.

### Economic Warfare Sanctions alone versus other options?:

- A. Both, the Bush and Obama administrations used sanctions, as a means of cutting off terrorist money, but neither of them looked at the economic warfare being waged against us.
- B. The Obama administration actively covered up the reality of economic warfare waged against us.

"I think the Obama National Security Strategy was a disaster. He was leading from behind in the Middle East. He was not leading at all in Asia. I think China took advantage of that. But even Republican presidents after President Reagan I don't think they were fully engaged in dealing with the economic warfare threat. And I think they put too much faith in sanctions." -Fred Fleitz

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- C. This administration and Ambassador Bolton want to use sanctions, but do not think that sanctions alone are going to work everywhere. In many cases sanctions may partially change the behavior of a state, but that is not the only approach that will be used.
- D. With Iran, long term it may take military action. It may take more diplomatic pressure.
- E. With both George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush, in some respects their administrations were enamored by economic sanctions through the United Nations. Democrats seemed to like these options as well.

### Currency Threat as an Economic Weapon:

- A. Economic war, the use of sanctions or cutting off money flows is helpful, although it also opens us up to retaliatory economic attacks.
- B. America uses the dollar and access to the dollar as a weapon. We'll threaten to cut off rogue nations from the SWIFT transaction system and other tactics.
- C. Kevin Freeman shares there is a risk that our adversaries or enemies say, "OK I've had enough of that let's circumvent the dollar." He does not think the Obama administration even contemplated the possibility that the dollar could ever lose its reserve currency status.
- D. Some argue there would have to be an alternative to the dollar. Many don't think that there's a viable alternative right now. It's not going to be the Euro. It certainly isn't going to be Chinese currency as it stands today.
- E. Kevin Freeman has concerns that there are alternatives being rapidly developed by Russia and China. They are encouraging trading partners to move away from the dollar and we're seeing this.



"How do people go broke? Very slowly, then all at once." -Hemingway (paraphrased)

"How do you lose your reserve currency status? Very slowly, then it happens all at once." -Kevin Freeman

- F. Freeman believes there are cracks that are formed in the system and that the dollar may not always be the permanent reserve currency. No reserve currency in history has ever been permanent. We need the Trump administration to shore up those cracks.

**The President and International Respect seen in Actions:**

- A. Despite Media reports, there are many signs that foreign leaders do respect the president when he asks for something, they listen to him.
- B. The arrest of the Huawei CFO, who was transiting Canada recently. Canadian officials arrested her because the U.S. wanted to put her on trial. The fact that Canada did it because the U.S. asked them to was extraordinary, because Canada knew it was going to pay a price. There would be retaliation from China.

"I think there's already been retaliation. But I think this simply goes to the fact that we have a credible U.S. president who is pressing other nations to basically do things we need them to do in terms of our national security and international law. I think this is a big win for us." -Fred Fleitz



- C. Another win is the move of the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Other presidents promised it and Trump did it. He restored a relationship with Israel that was damaged because of Obama's hostility toward Israel.
- D. The release of Pastor Brunson from Turkey. The Turks thought he would drop this issue because there were bigger issues. The Turks were surprised at the president's determination. Religious freedom and protecting Americans abroad is a high priority for the President.



**A Look at Hot Spots around the world: Some of the issues that we'll have to deal with and the economic implications.** (Note: China has been discussed in other episodes extensively so we will focus more on other regions.) **Fred Fleitz Summary discussions below:**

**Iran:**

- A. Trump administration under the president's leadership got us out of this terrible nuclear deal with Iran, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.
- B. It didn't actually stop Iran from pursuing nuclear weapons. Iran was allowed to continue to enrich uranium.
- C. The deal allowed Iran to develop advanced centrifuge machines. These are the machines that you use to produce enriched uranium. Enriched uranium can easily be changed from reactor grade to weapons grade within a few weeks.
- D. This allowed Iran to continue to perfect this capability, and so many things were left out, (its missile program, its sponsorship of terrorism, its meddling in Middle East conflicts).
- E. One of the worst things of this deal is that regional states had no input into it. It was just dumped out for the Gulf States and Israel. They had no say in what was negotiated.
- F. We know that Iran also was given \$400 million in cash that was secretly flown from Switzerland to Iran as ransom to release American prisoners.
- G. They released a whole lot more, measured in the tens of billions. That propped up a socialist regime.
- H. Iran needed a hundred dollars a barrel oil to continue to operate the regime at the level that they were operating at. And we haven't seen that for quite a while in the oil market. So they should be teetering on economic collapse. Obama's policy propped them up.
- I. There have been pretty significant protests in Iran over the last 18 months and they've been against the regime. Shortly after the protests broke out you could see the government getting really nervous about the possibilities of information flowing about protests and about ways protests could mobilize people.



- J. The Iranian people haven't been against the United States because they see the devastation of their economy by their corrupt leaders. They know that there were billions of dollars that was squandered on the military, sending troops into Syria, and aiding the rebels in Yemen. The people know this is going on.
- K. Go back eight or nine years and you see Iran and Venezuela tied at the hip following same economic model and principles. Venezuela, of course, is collapsed despite having the world's largest oil reserves. The Iranian regime likely would have collapsed had we not given them that terrible Obama deal. But now they may be back on the point especially if we put the sanctions on.
- L. The young population knows what's going on outside of Iran. They know they have a backward oppressive theocracy that doesn't represent their visions for the future. One day this government will be overthrown. It may take a while.

### North Korea:

- A. The president's policy on North Korea really does represent throwing out the diplomatic rulebook.
- B. He met with leader Kim even though no one in the foreign policy world thought that was a good idea.
- C. What has happened since the president met with Kim? The North Koreans haven't tested any missiles since late 2017. They haven't tested any nuclear weapons since September of 2017. We have a framework of an agreement now.
- D. Ambassador Bolton said, "We've opened up the door to a comprehensive peaceful agreement to deal with North Korea's WMD programs and missile nuclear chemical biological weapons."
- E. Kim has to decide to walk through it. Clearly he has not walked through it yet, although there are signs that the North Koreans may allow inspections of a nuclear site.
- F. The president is soon going to meet with leader Kim to try to get him to reaffirm the commitment he made at the Singapore summit last year. Then we are going to proceed with realistic negotiations to get a deal.
- G. The North Koreans decided to deal because the president stood firm, he increased the rhetoric, he increased pressure, and sanctions.



- H. Trump got other states to increase sanctions against North Korea and they just decided this is a credible U.S. president.
- I. Ambassador Bolton is also putting a lot of pressure on the north. But we can't let the pressure up as the president and his team have made clear repeatedly.
- J. We're just not going to agree to something to get a deal. That is what State Department likes to do.
- K. He's slowed down the nuclear testing and the missile testing. That's a game in itself because it was happening very rapidly. The Japanese were very concerned, and California was very concerned. And so that that's a real positive in and of itself.
- L. The State Department likes to sign agreements. Doesn't matter how weak they are. They want to have a big signing ceremony and there's cocktail parties and a big pictures taken of the negotiating team. That is not what Ambassador Bolton will ever settle for and this president won't either.

### Unconventional North Korean Talks:

"Well you know he did some extraordinary things. A little thing that people aren't aware of is he said to Kim, "Would you like to see the Beast?" The Beast is his is his presidential limo. He treated Kim like a friend. He brought him to Singapore, which got him out of the backward Pyongyang capital to see the wealth of Singapore. He showed his souped up limo. But the more important thing was that the administration did something else very unorthodox. It prepared a short film of what North Korea could look like if it agreed to a deal with the United States. It focused on the potential prosperity, how the country could be transformed and no longer isolated. And this is something that no other administration would have tried. There are people who are criticizing this saying, "you know that's not going to work. The president should not have met with Kim." My answer would be nothing else has worked so far. This hasn't failed or succeeded. We're still waiting for the next step. But it seemed to be a good thing to try. I think the odds are still long, but I think you need to give President Trump a lot of credit for attempting what he's attempting. He's created the possibility of a peaceful solution." -Fred Fleitz



### Syria:

- A. We just have to be realistic that there's no there's no easy answer to the situation in Syria.
- B. There have been very long interagency meetings where they've tried to decide what to do because of the incompetence of Barack Obama and the leading from behind strategy.
- C. The Russians are now in Syria. They're not going to leave and getting the Iranians out is going to be really difficult.
- D. Hezbollah has a much larger presence. We have to be realistic that we're not going to get Syrian President Assad, this bloodthirsty dictator, out of power.
- E. There's no way to do that unless we invade Syria. If we invaded Syria, we could restore order. We could engage in nation building. I don't think America wants that. The president doesn't want to do that. Congress doesn't want to do that either.
- F. What Ambassador Bolton and Secretary Pompeo have tried to do is to put together a series of options for the president. Give him the least bad option and to try to resolve the humanitarian situation and see how we can work with the Russians. This is extremely distasteful because they don't have our interest.
- G. The Russians want to keep Assad in power.
- H. The president has laid down a red line if chemical weapons are used. The U.S. will respond with force and I think that is something that the Assad regime is very aware of.
- I. ECONOMICS - Russia wants turmoil to keep oil prices high. Whether it's moving against fracking in Europe or United States or it's keeping instability going in the Middle East. That seems to be their number one driver, what keeps oil prices high and Russian oil flowing.



### Russia:

- A. The president sees Russia as an adversary and has been far tougher on Russia in terms of sanctions concerning Ukraine, and concerning the poisoning of Russian citizens in the UK, than the Obama administration has been. It is not even close.
- B. Dealing with Russia is complicated. It has the largest nuclear arsenal on earth. We're not going to sanction the Russians to pull out of Ukraine. There has to be some type of negotiated solution.



- C. I think the president and his team will try to find a way to increase the pressure on the Russians but also maintain a working relationship.
- D. The same thing is true of China. We've tried to pressure China on economics, but also tried to find a way to cooperate with China on areas of mutual concern such as North Korea. It is hard to do.
- E. Fred was at the Helsinki summit with the president, and the summit went much better than is generally known.
- F. Trump had a private meeting with Putin, but the media doesn't report this accurately. It is a complicated relationship.
- G. The president inherited a mess in many areas of the world, he certainly inherited a mess with Russia. The Russians had no respect whatsoever for Hillary Clinton, John Kerry or President Obama.
- H. It's been President Trump's task to try to reassert American leadership and respect for our country by being a strong president. With the Russians he's done that.
- I. Kevin Freeman also highlighted their primary interest is energy because they are massive energy exporters. They have developed a technology industry partly with Secretary Clinton's help. They built a Silicon Valley of Russia, which is a disaster for us. They have been very active around the world. They have been active in Syria. They are active in so many areas that seem to run afoul of what we are trying to accomplish.
- J. In Europe, Putin would like to reestablish the grandeur and power of the Soviet Union. That means trying to gain influence everywhere in Europe, Asia, Africa, and around the world rebuilding his military, rebuilding his Navy, and improving his nuclear stockpile.
- K. The Russian economy is not even close to the power the former Soviet economy. This is a nation with huge demographic problems and a real problem of suicides among males in Russia. There aren't enough Russians right now and they have low birth rates. They have an economy that is simply too dependent on energy.
- L. Freeman's Blog: Russia actually should be looking to the United States rather than to China because I think we're a much better long term ally for them than China ever could be. But unfortunately that doesn't seem to be the case. Russia seems to be siding with China who is going to eat them at some point. Russia is a source of energy for the Chinese and not a whole lot more.



M. Nixon went to China as a buffer against Russia. Russia should consider coming to Trump as a buffer against China. They may not be there or understand that. But that is their natural next direction. We can help them build their economy.

### **The Yellow Vests - What is happening in Europe:**

- A. This simply goes to the arrogance of the international leaders who think they can raise taxes on various pet projects and let the average person be damned. Huge gasoline taxes are being implemented in France. It's OK with the elites. They have the money to pay for these taxes. But the average Frenchman was pretty angry because their taxes are already outrageous. What's troubling here, is the way Europe has governed with this attitude that the elites know best.
- B. This is the way the Democrat Party would like to govern. When they look at Europe, they look at the European Union, they get giddy about dreams of multilateralism. They want some type of international government that would bring that to this country too.



## Why You Should Care:

1. National Security and Economic Security are linked. The quick worldview above shows how economic security plays into geopolitics.
2. Look at what is happening around the world. We have a government in place right now that is very resistant to what is happening in Europe. We cannot take that for granted.
3. With a President Clinton, we would have been going in the direction of France, high taxes by an elite that just does not care about the individual. It's where socialism and collectivism always goes, if you deny the rights and the liberty of the individual in favor of the collective. Pretty soon you start trampling on those at the lowest parts of society.
4. The average person in France and Germany is worried about the decision to bring in mass immigration and neglecting the needs and wants of its citizens. Many feel this is what some politicians are doing in the U.S. with immigration right now.
5. We currently have an administration that is focused on the right things. The bad news is there's a deep state in the swamp that wants to keep America from focusing on the right things.
6. Economic Warfare against the U.S. is a serious threat. The media tries to write this off as if efforts by the president and his advisors are unwarranted, or crazy. The mainstream foreign policy establishment would prefer relations continue the way they were under Obama.
7. The collectivists empire is about to strike back, or they're in the process of striking back, to steal our economic individual liberty away.

## Obama Case Study on Elitism:

Iran deal that was implemented by the Obama administration 2015. It was opposed by a majority of the American people. It was implemented over the objections of a majority of Congress. Look at the Paris climate change agreement. It was opposed by a majority of Congress. It was negotiated with Europeans so it would not have to be put to a vote in the U.S. Senate, even though other legislatures ratified it. Ours was worded in such a way that it would not. The elected representatives of the American people were not allowed to vote on the Paris Climate Change agreement or the Iran deal.



## Economic Patriot Action Plan

As an economic patriot, you can make a difference.

**Step 1:** Support The Center for Security Policy. The focus of what they are doing is to help the Trump national security and economic agenda succeed. There's been a lot of success to date but there's a lot that we really have to do. **Visit their website at: [www.securefreedom.org](http://www.securefreedom.org) to support them.**

**Step 2:** Stay in touch with your members of Congress. We need to raise awareness of the seriousness of Economic Warfare against the United States. Make it clear to them that economic warfare against America is a serious threat. Support what the president is doing to combat China and others attacking America economically.

**Step 3:** As individuals, look for ways you can **weaponize your money** to help fight for American liberty. In the future EWR hopes to offer additional investment solutions that strengthen America and our economic liberty, but for now this can be done in three ways:

**Investments:** We need to mobilize the flow of money and invest as one, in responsible funds that support America and defend our liberty.

**Consumption:** Know where your products are made and buy products that strengthen American security.

**Charitable Giving:** Giving is a weapon that can help preserve our culture and help preserve our identity.

**Step 4:** Share this battle plan and get others to subscribe:

- A. Get others to sign up and review our weekly [Economic War Room battle plans](#). Each of these will address critical solutions to the threats highlighted on this briefing.
- B. Subscribe to our weekly Economic War Room show on TheBlaze at [EconomicWarRoom.com](http://EconomicWarRoom.com).
- C. Follow, like, comment and share on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Together, we will make a difference!***

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**SHAREABLE THOUGHT:** "You know  
all animals are equal some are just  
more equal than others." -George Orwell

## The EWR Collection Deck From Kevin Freeman

### **Fred Fleitz Background**

Mark Levin Defends Fred Fleitz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTVHCtfmB3w>

Fox News Commentary

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Bolton Adds Loyalists to National Security Council Staff

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Why Fred Fleitz is the right man for the deputy at National Security Council

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### **Quiet Praise for Trump Foreign Policy**

Tech execs are telling Cramer behind closed doors that they support Trump's hardline trade policy on China

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Israelis Love Trump More Than Almost Any Other Nation, Poll Shows

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Poll finds Israelis extremely, and near uniquely, supportive of Trump, US policy

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A potential trade war is scary, but the US has a legitimate beef with China

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### **Anti-Trump Globalists**

Former Obama officials form anti-Trump national security think tank

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Trump: 'You know what I am? I'm a nationalist'

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<https://www.newsweek.com/ben-shapiro-populism-france-cortez-opinion-1249006>

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