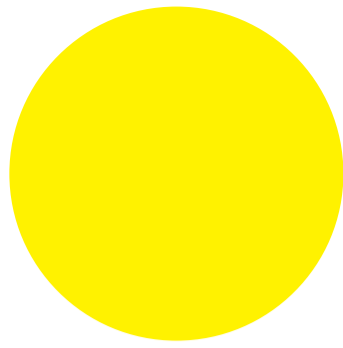


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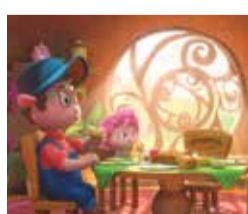
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Is the US presidential election important to the world? Yes, it is, because American policies have a significant impact on many parts of the globe. In fact, the president of the United States not only influences the 50 states but also could shape developments in numerous countries around the world through US foreign policy. The US has a military or intelligence and security presence in around 120 countries, plays a key role in global trade and its dollar is used in three out of every four international transactions. With a military budget of more than \$700 billion, the US has the largest military budget in the world. Therefore, it is natural for such a country to have a profound impact on international developments. Consequently, US policies have a significant bearing on the West Asia region, which is grappling with various long-standing crises. Even in the recent conflict involving Israel, the Gaza Strip and southern Lebanon, the US remains the main player behind the scenes. Israel's attacks are integral to the US strategy for the region, aimed at imposing a new order by eliminating Islamic resistance groups. This strategy will persist regardless of whether Trump or Harris wins, though it may be executed with different tactics and approaches. However, this should not be taken to mean that one should remain passive in the face of US policies. On the contrary, a shrewd observer or a savvy statesman should pay close attention to these tactical differences and details and try to find opportunities for their country or region within these differences. For instance, despite the US' unwavering support for Israel, Democrats have been critical of Israel's settlement policy and have backed a two-state solution (an independent Palestinian state and an independent Israeli state).

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