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Middle East Business Leaders Survey Results:

Possible Economic Impact of 2020 US Presidential Election on Middle East

Survey Details

- 32 top Middle East business leaders (C-suite) took our anonymous survey
- Survey period: Sept 28 - Oct 21, 2020

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US political and economic engagement is essential for future economic development and growth in the Middle East



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US political and economic engagement in the Middle East is positive for global energy stability



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China's increasing political and economic engagement in the Middle East is positive for economic development and growth in the Middle East



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China's increasing political and economic engagement in the Middle East is a positive counterbalance to regional dependency on the US



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Changes in the US administration matter to Middle East economies



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US engagement has been positive for economic development and growth in the Middle East in the past four years



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Trump administration policies have positively impacted the world economy



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Biden administration policies would positively impact the world economy



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Biden administration policies would positively impact Middle East economies



Middle East Business Leaders Survey: Other Feedback

- I think for Trump and/or Biden, it remains to be seen. For Biden, we will see if campaign policy turns into actual policy
- The worst case scenario is if election results are contested for a long time that it will cause market uncertainty and somewhat of power vacuum in the world.. Good luck America and the world
- All our currencies are pegged to the Dollar hence we are extremely impacted by the strength of USA economy
- It is a very challenging situation and in my opinion any change in US Administration would cause more volatility and unfortunately the global socioeconomic situation is too fragile to handle it.
- US impact on ME is making less and less impact over time regardless of who the us administration is. Global interdependence, Gcc counties taking leadership roles in regional politics, opening economies, relations with India and China without seeking approval from US