

**THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST, IN THE PERIOD 2016-2020. CASE STUDY: THE  
EVOLUTION OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

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# Introduction

- The context of research;
- Research question;
- The objectives of the paper;
- The research methodology.

## General consideration regarding the United States of America Foreign policy in the Middle East

- The interests of the United States in the Middle East have remained stable over time, despite significant structural changes at the global and local levels.
- American policy makers are forced to find optimal solutions to enable the United States to control access to oil resources in the Middle East, to materialize strategic partnership with various state actors, to assume the role of the mediators in the existing conflicts in this region and combat the terrorist phenomenon.

## The evolution of the strategic partnership between the USA and Israel, in the 2016-2019 period

- Donald Trump presidential administration have implemented pro-Israel security and foreign policy strategies.
- There is also a cooperative relationship between the representatives of the American conservative political right and the Israeli ones, due to the political vision they share on how to resolve conflicts in the Middle East.

- Relocation of the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.
- The US President decided to withdraw the United States from the nuclear deal with Iran
- President Donald Trump signed a decree by which the United States recognized Golan Heights as the territory of the state of Israel.

## Deal of the century

- The United States supports the materialization of the two states solution in the Middle East, but believes that a "realistic solution would give the Palestinian all power to govern themselves but not the powers to threaten Israel".
- In order to increase security guarantees for the State of Israel, the future Palestinian state must be demilitarized.
- The political status of Jerusalem.
- The refugees problem.

# Conclusions

- The strategic partnership between the United States and the state of Israel has been strengthened, due to the fact that both state actors share the same vision on how to manage the regional security complex in the Middle East.
- The current American and Israeli political leadership is trying to stabilize this region by adopting a strategy of "containment" over Iran and solving the "Palestinian problem" in a way favorable to the security interests of the state of Israel.