

German minister criticizes Trump's 'America First' policy

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Donald Trump on Thursday said that halting the spread of radical Islam would be a "major goal" for the U.S. if he is elected president, as the Republican presidential front-runner laid out the vision of his foreign policy asserting that the days of ISIS are "numbered".

Mr. Donald Trump, exuding confidence after his resounding primary victories in the east, promised a foreign policy early yesterday that he said would put "America first."

He spoke of building up the USA military as a deterrent to US adversaries, but said American allies in Europe and Asia would have to pay more for USA defenses provided by Washington. Cameron declined

to ban Trump, but said: "If he came to visit our country, I think he would unite us against him". Doug Bandow, a foreign policy scholar at the libertarian Cato Institute, who shares many of Trump's beliefs about scaling back America's role overseas, said that the speech struck him "as a very odd mishmash".

"America first will be the major and overriding theme of my administration", he said.

"No American president can get round this change in the worldwide security architecture", Steinmeier said, adding that this was why "'America first' is actually no answer to that".

He recently called Trump "a brighter person, talented without a doubt".

His remarks, while easy to challenge on several points - such as his suggestion that President Obama "has not been a friend to Israel" - were decidedly calmer and more coherent than the trash talk he has directed in the past against immigrants, Muslims and America's allies and trading partners.

His speech left many people somewhere between wildly amused and completely terrified.

Steinmeier warned against a return to "isolationism" and withdrawing the US from the world.

The reality TV star probably wasn't trying to win over the foreign policy mandarins anyway.

Trump also caught grief from his own party. "I think the tactics that would be used to do this, to implement it, a lot of those will become, as Mr. Trump says, 'not predictable.' They will remain flexible".

Calling Trump's foreign policy address the day before a "really good transition in the campaign", Corker in an interview with CNN's Erin Burnett on "OutFront" commended Trump for "challenging the foreign policy establishment that has been here for so long".

Then, he gave a rambling, vague and incoherent speech Wednesday full of platitudes and contradictions, and suggested he would undermine global alliances that have helped keep America safe since World War II. All I heard was that Trump himself was going over the speech even as he was flying in on his airplane to Washington. A strong and smart America is an America that will find a better friend in China, better than we have right now. But as near as we can tell, a Trump foreign policy would tend toward isolationism but with a willingness to launch massive military interventions when the Trump-in-chief found them necessary.