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**EU-US RELATIONS UNDER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA:  
SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES**

***Abstract.** The importance of the specific relationship between the US and the EU is determined by the role they play in solving international problems. The purpose of the article is to study the impact of common and distinctive position in US and EU foreign policy on the development of their relations and ability to effectively solve the world's problems.*

*At the beginning of the XXI century relations between the US and the EU have been developing in various spheres of foreign policy. The priorities were security cooperation, the fight against international terrorism and the development of economic relations. US and EU are mutually beneficial and priority partners for each other. This is determined in the foreign policy instruments of the United States and the European Union. However, this does not preclude the existence in the United States and the European Union different approaches to solving international problems and competition between them. The biggest differences between the US and the EU are shown in approaches to the settlement of military conflicts, the fight against global warming and the greenhouse effect. The largest component of competitive relations is manifested in the development of the Arctic region.*

*The US seeks to engage the EU foreign policy implementation taking into account American interests. However, at the beginning of the XXI century the EU had its own foreign policy program. The EU has an unhappy tendency towards US methods of solving world problems and unilateral actions in the international arena.*

*The bipolar system was dominated by bilateral cooperation between the US and individual states of the European Union, but during the presidency of Barack Obama, the United States prefer relations with European politicians who represent the agreed position of 28 EU member states.*

*The US in implementing its foreign policy should take into account the position of individual states and the European Union as a whole entity. This affects the process of solving international problems.*

*Despite the existence of contradictions in the relations of the United States and the European Union, cooperation will continue to contribute to this long-term relationship, similarities in approaches to building political and economic systems and similarities in mentality.*

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