

US Foreign Policy & Economic Shifts: Key Decisions and Developments in the

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1. Which of the following actions did the U.S. Supreme Court take regarding redistricting in April 2026?

- A) It ruled in favor of creating two new largely Black congressional districts in Alabama.
- B) It halted an order that would have required Alabama to use a House map with two largely Black districts.**
- C) It mandated that Louisiana redraw its congressional districts to ensure minority representation.
- D) It approved a new redistricting plan for South Carolina that could benefit Republicans.

2. What recent development has occurred regarding the EPA's regulations on toxic ethylene oxide (EtO) pollution?

- A) The EPA finalized new regulations to strengthen public health protections against EtO emissions.
- B) The EPA proposed rescinding 2024 regulations for EtO, potentially limiting its authority to strengthen public health protections.**
- C) The EPA announced a partnership with industry to voluntarily reduce EtO emissions.
- D) The EPA is reviewing existing EtO regulations and will release findings in late 2026.

3. According to recent reports, how has the U.S. trade deficit evolved in March 2026?

- A) The trade deficit significantly decreased due to a surge in exports.
- B) The trade deficit widened as imports increased more than exports.**
- C) The trade deficit remained stable with balanced growth in both imports and exports.
- D) The trade deficit shifted to a surplus due to strong performance in goods trade.

4. Which of these legislative actions occurred in the U.S. Senate during the week of April 27 - May 1, 2026?

- A) The Senate passed a bill to repeal Clean Air Act regulations.
- B) The Senate passed the SBA Fraud Enforcement Extension Act.**
- C) The Senate introduced a bill to ban certain types of kombucha.
- D) The Senate voted to override a presidential veto on a new infrastructure bill.

5. What statement reflects the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis's findings on personal income and outlays for March 2026?

- A) Personal income decreased, while personal consumption expenditures remained stagnant.
- B) Personal income increased by 0.6 percent, and personal consumption expenditures increased by 0.9 percent.**
- C) Personal income and disposable personal income both decreased significantly.
- D) Disposable personal income saw a sharp rise while personal consumption expenditures declined.

6. Regarding U.S. foreign policy, what has been a notable shift emphasized by the Trump administration's second term?

- A) A significant increase in foreign development assistance.
- B) A reduction in foreign development assistance, with a focus on prioritizing American companies and securing supply chains.**
- C) An expansion of international alliances and multilateral agreements.
- D) A withdrawal from previous trade deals to foster more global cooperation.

7. What development occurred with the EPA's vehicle emissions testing in North Carolina in early May 2026?

- A) The EPA agreed to end vehicle emissions testing in 19 North Carolina counties.**
- B) The EPA mandated stricter vehicle emissions testing across all North Carolina counties.
- C) The EPA proposed extending vehicle emissions testing requirements to Mecklenburg County.
- D) The EPA announced a new federal standard for vehicle emissions testing that all states must adopt.

8. What was the U.S. monthly international trade deficit in March 2026, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis?

- A) It increased to \$60.3 billion.**
- B) It decreased to \$57.8 billion.
- C) It remained unchanged at \$55 billion.
- D) It shifted to a surplus of \$10 billion.

9. Which U.S. Supreme Court case from late April 2026 addressed the deadline for removing a lawsuit to federal court?

- A) Louisiana v. Callais
- B) First Choice Women's Resource Centers, Inc. v. Davenport
- C) Enbridge Energy, LP v. Nessel**
- D) Hencely v. Fluor Corp.

10. What recent development concerning the Iran war's impact on the U.S. economy has been reported?

- A) The Iran war has led to a decrease in inflation due to lower energy prices.
- B) Inflation continued to rise in April, partly due to the Iran war's impact on energy prices.**
- C) The Iran war has had no discernible impact on U.S. inflation or energy prices.
- D) The U.S. economy has benefited from the Iran war through increased defense spending.