General Election 2024: Putting a foreign policy lens on party manifestos

Conservative Party

The UK and international cooperation

The Prime Minister's foreign policy agenda is based his national security strategy, which focuses on protecting the UK from threats and on promoting British interests and values.

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Human rights

Focus on protection freedoms, across the board (religious, political, economic, cultural, etc.) and on combatting modern slavery. Promises to deport all illegal immigrants and to withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights if it prevents the deportation of illegal immigrants. The manifesto also promises to protect the rights of women and girls, including by ending the practice of "gender self-identification" and by ensuring that women and girls have access to single-sex spaces.

Arms control and human rights

The UK promises to maintain its commitment to arms control and to uphold its international obligations. The manifesto also promises to ban the export of military equipment to countries that are not in compliance with the UK's arms control obligations.

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International development

The Conservatives have committed to increasing the UK's aid budget to 0.7% of GDP by 2030. The manifesto also promises to focus aid on the poorest countries and on the most vulnerable people. The Conservatives have also committed to maintaining the UK's membership of the United Nations and to supporting the United Nations' peacekeeping operations. The manifesto also promises to support the United Nations' efforts to combat climate change and to promote human rights around the world.

Climate diplomacy

The UK remains the leadership on climate change and the protection of the environment. The manifesto also promises to support the United Nations' efforts to combat climate change.

Conflict & conflict resolution

Focus on the UK's military and diplomatic leadership in Ukraine, and on the UK's support for the Ukrainian government and its efforts to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The manifesto also promises to support the United Nations' efforts to resolve conflicts around the world and to promote peace and stability in the world. The manifesto also promises to support the United Nations' efforts to combat terrorism and to promote the rule of law around the world.

Human peace and security

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Labour Party

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Promises to work with other countries to tackle global challenges such as climate change and poverty. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote peace and security and to combat terrorism. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote human rights and to combat modern slavery.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Horizon research programme and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on science and technology. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote science and technology and to combat climate change.

Promises to rejoin the Erasmus+ programme and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on education and training. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote education and training and to combat poverty.

Promises to rejoin the Common Fisheries Policy and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on fisheries. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote sustainable fishing and to combat illegal fishing.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's customs union and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on trade. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote free trade and to combat protectionism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's single market and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on trade. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote free trade and to combat protectionism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Schengen area and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on immigration. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote immigration and to combat illegal immigration.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Dublin Regulation and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on asylum. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote asylum and to combat illegal immigration.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Eurodac database and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on biometrics. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote biometrics and to combat illegal immigration.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Europol and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on law enforcement. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote law enforcement and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Eurojust and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on judicial cooperation. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote judicial cooperation and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Frontex and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on border control. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote border control and to combat illegal immigration.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Schengen Information System and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on information sharing. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote information sharing and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's Prüm Decision and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on police cooperation. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote police cooperation and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Arrest Warrant and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on judicial cooperation. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote judicial cooperation and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Investigation Order and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on judicial cooperation. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote judicial cooperation and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Public Prosecutor's Office and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on judicial cooperation. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote judicial cooperation and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Data Protection Supervisor and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on data protection. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote data protection and to combat cyber crime.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Cybersecurity Agency and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on cybersecurity. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote cybersecurity and to combat cyber crime.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Defence Agency and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on defence. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote defence and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Union Military Staff and to establish a new partnership with the European Union on defence. The manifesto also promises to work with other countries to promote defence and to combat terrorism.

Promises to rejoin the European Union's European Union Military Committee