

Japan's Foreign Policy

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Evaluation of Abe's policy

	Abe	Togo
Reinterpretation of Article Nine	Right of collective self-defense within individual right of self-defense	Agree Could go more but the best he can do at this point
Security policy vs China	Strengthening defense; No territorial dispute but dialogue always open	Agree Though not quite certain how serious on dialogue
Yasukuni visit	Went on Dec 26 2013	It was a critical mistake
Comfort women	No change of Kono Statement; process report on June 20 2014	So far not so bad; But need resolution under Abe & Park. Will it happen?
Russia and Ukraine	Member of G7 but need good bilateral relations	Dual policy already failed. Agree to Mearsheimer
Global policy	Globe diplomacy	Full support

Togo's Advise to Abe

- Make Obama understood: does not go to Yasukuni; takes leadership on comfort women
- Tell Obama: do not bash Putin; history and geopolitics; balance needs in Eurasia
- 1: Resolve Comfort women with Korea
- 2: Resolve territorial issue with Russia
- 3: Shelve Senkaku to 1972-2012 situation