

One question, 20 answers for the next president

What is your highest priority or fondest hope for the next U.S. administration?

The International Herald Tribune surveyed world opinion makers to hear their messages for the White House after Nov. 2

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Whatever administration comes out of the Nov. 2 elections, I hope it will have a more cautious fiscal policy. Under the present administration, fiscal balances moved from a surplus to a deficit as Bush cut taxes and increased spending. A huge U.S. external debt is a factor of instability worldwide. My other greatest hope is that the new U.S. administration pays more attention to multilateral organizations and, more broadly, policy coordination at a global scale. There are many issues, from terrorism to environment to international migration to poverty, that need to be tackled at a global scale.

