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JAPAN AFTER ABE: AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

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- I. Introduction
 - A. Background
 - B. U.S. presidential election on 3 November 2020 (35 days from today)
- II. U.S.-Japan Relations Under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
 - A. 2006-2007: George W. Bush (5)
 - B. 2012-2017: Barack Obama (5)
 - C. 2017-2020: Donald Trump (1)
 - D. Continuity, stability, predictability
 - E. Nationalism/history/Yasukuni vs. pragmatism/economy/diplomacy
 - F. Summit diplomacy (81 overseas trips)
 - G. Strengthening Prime Minister's Office
 - H. National security: budget, NSC, State Secrets Law, Security Law, Security Guidelines
 - I. Economy: "Abenomics," "Womenomics"
 - J. Trade: Trans-Pacific Partnership
- III. Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga
 - A. Continuity, stability, familiarity
 - B. Visit to Washington, D.C., May 2019 (VP Pence, SecState Pompeo)
 - C. Phone call with President Trump, 20 September 2020
 - D. U.S.-Japan alliance as "foundation of regional peace and stability"
 - E. Foreign affairs
 - F. China
 - G. Priorities
 - H. Continuity
- IV. Scenario #1: Re-Election of Donald Trump
 - A. Trade: bilateral negotiations; "free, fair, and **reciprocal**"
 - B. Security: greater burden-sharing; ending "free riders" (1% GDP, Host Nation Support)
 - C. North Korea: summit diplomacy
 - D. China (Hong Kong, Taiwan): confrontation, decoupling
 - E. Withdrawal of U.S. presence?
- V. Scenario #2: Election of Joe Biden
 - A. Trade: post-TPP?
 - B. Security: enhancing cooperation, coordination
 - C. U.S.-Japan-South Korea cooperation
 - D. North Korea: policy engagement
 - E. China (Hong Kong, Taiwan): rivalry/competition & cooperation; human rights
 - F. Global issues/organizations: climate change, pandemics (WHO), WTO, etc.
- VI. Additional factors
 - A. "Personnel is policy" (4000 political appointees)
 - B. Election for Senate and House of Representatives
- VII. Conclusions