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The New American Administration and Transatlantic Security: Problems and Prospects

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The election and inauguration of the first African-American president of the United States was greeted with great enthusiasm throughout Europe. The nasty days of old and new Europe and American unilateralism were finally over. But are such hopes misplaced? Will Barack Obama usher in a new era of transatlantic security co-operation or offer more of the same? This paper will grapple with these questions by analyzing the first few months of the new U.S. administration's foreign policy. Its main argument is that the Obama Doctrine may well differ from the Bush Doctrine in its methods but is remarkably similar in its overall goals and the role that transatlantic relations are likely to play in U.S. foreign and security policy in the near future.