Can Russia and United States be partners?

Russian-US relations can be described as of a highly competitive nature. These are world’s two main giants, who take control over whole populations and responsible for most of the major events in the world.

From the first glance it can be assumed that Russia and America have a chance to be actual partners. By looking at the question from the historical angle, the relations between two are improving. It is definitely stronger than at the Cold War period, but still there are good amount of problems needs to be solved – a nuclear-free world, missile defense in Europe, Syria, the post-Soviet space, and democracy and human rights. Russia and America exist in a very different environments, relying on different mindsets, besides, the geographical location differs, what contributes to the reasons why we are so different. And same, from another perspective. The striking similarity here is leadership and power, lust for exclusivity and superiority. Actually, I am a believer of a theory that it is common people who define the state’s policy. Sure, everyone wants the best life, but our flaws as a nation is a reflection of a government’s policies that are seen to be terrible and unhuman! The state looks at its people and according to their characteristics decide on specific actions. I find Russians and Americans similar in many ways. We are much closer to each other than to Asians and Europeans. That is why our countries can not find a peace together – we feel this connection, which means we have equal rights to be the first on the global arena, one is not worse or weaker than another and both are going to pursue the title of the best state.

However, what is going on in reality between Russia and America is nothing but complicated. Both sides are trapped in the severe disorder, the balance between two superpowers is changing. It gets harder to predict what is going to happen next in the global affairs. When we talk about Russia and US relations, what we mean is actually things that are happening outside of these two countries – the collapse of political system in Europe, the series of actions in the Middle East, particularly in Syria. US and Russia’s military forces are based there, and in 21st century wars are played not on the territory of the main participants, but on the lands of third countries, which interest they kind of represent.

Another aspect of relations in the modern time is new technologies and its effect. Internet is a new weapon nowadays. And mentioned countries can use it pretty well for their needs. Cyber space is a new playground for Trump, Putin and there are no borders. This is more powerful than nuclear weapons.

Being a little bit positive, there is still a possibility for successful US-Russian relations. We live on different continents, but yet on the one planet. Why do so many organizations fighting for consensus exist? What is it all for if two most important powers on this one planet cannot coexist in peaceful environment?

If they are that strong, let them combine this power and show real achievements – fight the terrorism, stop the devastating climate change, protect human and animal rights, deal with poverty, these issues are fundamental and they both must agree on them.

But, again, US-Russian partnership today and, as it was before, is a race to state who is more respectful, feared, a fight for spheres of influence, which characterize the greatness of the country. Russia wants to get its popularity back, be recognized by the world, get rid of US and European sanctions following the annexation of Crimea in 2014 to boost the economy and be great power again, and not only in the military aspect, but also in the economic and social ones.