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## Joe Biden's Support for Poland

*"I want the Polish people to know that there is a deep, deep commitment to Poland that lives in the hearts of a vast majority of Americans."* Joe Biden, Warsaw, March 18, 2014.

### What Joe Biden Has Done

- Joe Biden [played a key role](#) in admission of Poland to NATO, and in providing U.S. assistance to Central European countries such as Poland after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.
  - While some in the U.S. Senate resisted NATO enlargement after the Soviet Union collapsed, Joe was a [catalytic force](#) in persuading important holdouts to support the admission of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic to NATO in 1998.
  - Joe Biden co-authored the *Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act*, which was designed to help countries such as Poland transition to a democratic state and free market economy after decades of Soviet domination.
- Joe Biden's support for Poland's security [has endured](#) ever since. As Vice President, after Russia's annexation of Crimea, Joe Biden was a [vocal proponent](#) of sending rotations of U.S. armed forces to Poland to enhance its security and deter Russian aggression.
- As a Catholic who [remembers](#) the impact of Pope John Paul II and the Solidarity movement on world history, Joe Biden believes the U.S. relationship with Poland is not about transactional interests—it is fundamentally about our two countries' shared history and values.

### What Joe Biden Will Do

- Trump's poor treatment of our European allies, his transactional approach to international relations, and his frequent dismissals of NATO's relevance have undermined the credibility of America's security guarantees. Joe will restore them.
- Joe Biden believes NATO's Article 5 pledge — that an attack on any NATO member is an attack on all NATO members — is an [unshakable bond](#) between the United States and Poland. Joe Biden will [affirm](#) America's commitment to NATO, and end the Trump Administration's pandering to Vladimir Putin.
- Continuing the work started by the Obama-Biden Administration, President Biden will seek to strengthen Europe's energy independence. He will continue to oppose Nord Stream 2 as a "fundamentally bad deal," as he [called](#) it in 2016.
- Joe Biden will stand up for [the rule of law](#), and will revitalize our national commitment to advancing human rights and democracy at home and abroad.