

# Trump's Trip: Shades of Bill Clinton

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**His first overseas tour signaled a possible return to traditional American foreign policy, but all the symbolism will mean little without tough follow-up diplomacy to back it up.**

**P**resident Donald Trump's first overseas visit was "Trumpist" in its ambitions, ambiance, and expanse: the three monotheistic religions, NATO, EU, and G-7 gatherings; a whirlwind of cultural experiences; and "finally Make America Great Again" with commercial and arms sales, investments, and gestures. But the core of the visit was reassurance to two American-led alliance systems under stress: the Middle Eastern and NATO-European...

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