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Given the history of relationships between Iran and U.S., there is an accumulation of mistrust. While regarding Europe, Iran has lots of successful experiences. How independent is European foreign policies from U.S. demands? To be clearer what is the role and weight of U.S in EU foreign policy?

The EU has been trying to coordinate its own common foreign and security policy during the last ten years. However, no country or body can be totally independent of other international actors, in the global age. The US is an ally of the EU and the EU tries to maintain good relations to as many countries as possible and the US is one of them. However, the EU and the member states have their own foreign policy, independent of the US.



As the USA and the EU share common values, it may seem, at first sight, as US having some crucial influence over the EU's foreign policy. EU foreign policy is really trying to be as independent as possible when it comes to relations with Iran and as the EU foreign policy is standing on different pillars as the US one, it provides sometimes different results. However the strict stance towards the Iranian nuclear program stems from the fact that two European member states are nuclear weapon states as well. So the non-proliferation efforts of the EU foreign policy originates in the European values and in the interests and non-proliferation obligations of those two member states.

