

Trump pulls punches at global summit making nice with *foes* and avoiding *feuds*

President Donald Trump managed to spend two days *in the company of* world leaders he has long *antagonized* without any visible eruptions.

foe 敌人

feud 不和; 争执

in the company of 伴随

antagonize 使敌对

There were no feuds, or at least none publicly detected, as Air Force One took off from Buenos Aires on Saturday night. Trump signed on to a statement of principles with the other leaders at the Group of 20 summit, the kind of document he refused to *endorse* at a summit in Canada a few months earlier. He curtailed his ambitions by canceling his meeting with Putin, and made nice with the European leader he most regularly trashes, German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

endorse 签署; 赞同

Trump's self-restraint continued as he answered a few questions from reporters. When one asked whether he had any regrets about his past criticisms of Bush and his family, Trump paused for a moment and then decided not to engage.

The G-20 is a multilateral organization, but Trump and some of his advisers are hostile to the concept of group decision-making. So Trump's *assent* to the joint statement of G-20 leaders reflected a compromise. The document *reiterates* a shared commitment to a "rules-based international order" and global trade, but includes a critique of the World Trade Organization, a body Trump rails against.

assent 同意

reiterate 重申

Thomas Wright, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said, "The worry was that things could *unravel*, so there was a *retraction* of ambition from the other democratic leaders. They are worried about him creating a *fuss* over attempts to *forgo* cooperation, which means these summits now are just gatherings of the leaders without a real agenda. That's the function of Trump."

unravel 解开; 解决

retraction 撤回; 收缩

fuss 大惊小怪; 焦急

forge 锻造; 伪造