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For Trump, 'America First' and a Disdain for Moralizing

By PETER BAKER

- After the worst chemical attack in years in Syria, the White House dismissed calls for the ouster of President Bashar al-Assad, saying it was "impractical."
- The response indicates that President Trump has taken foreign policy to its most realpolitik moment in generations, playing down issues of human rights or democracy.

**Chemical Attack on Syrians Ignites World's Outrage**

By ANNE BARNARD and MICHAEL R. GORDON 1:33 AM ET

The White House said the attack "cannot be ignored" and blamed the Syrian government, but also said it was "a consequence of the last administration's weakness and irresolution."

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If Republicans Blow Up the Filibuster, Is Legislation Next?

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER 5:00 AM ET

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Trump and Xi: Two Leaders With Clashing Agendas

By JANE PERLEZ 3:58 AM ET

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By ERICA L. GREEN

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By PETER BAKER

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