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Chris Wallace: Interview With John McCain, Joseph Lieberman

WALLACE: Senator McCain, I want to ask you the same question. What can do the U.S., what should the U.S. do to try to rebuild the bridges with Europe?

MCCAIN: I think we should open a dialogue on a variety of issues that the Europeans care about: climate change, international criminal court, a number of economic issues that continue to divide us. In other words, don't agree with their demands, but open a dialogue on issues that are important to them.

But at the same time emphasize that this alliance, which is working together in Afghanistan -- right now, it's NATO that's working in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia. The United States came to the aid of Muslims in Kosovo and Bosnia, and we spent our most precious treasure, and that's American blood.

At the same time, we should appreciate their concerns, their desires, their anger at whatever it is. But I believe that over time Europeans will realize that an attack on one is an attack on all.

And do we have to do a better job? Yes. Every administration has to do a better job. But I would say that it's time to begin diplomacy at the highest level between ourselves and our European friends. I don't know exactly what you do about the French, a little straight talk, but with the other European countries we have a strong commonality of interests.

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Chris Matthews; Ron Reagan with John McCain; Howard Dean; Lawrence Eagleburger

MATTHEWS: Europeans like certain American presidents and don't like other ones. They liked Jack Kennedy. They liked Nixon. I don't know what they thought of Reagan. Probably didn't like him too much. They liked Clinton.

What do you think separates it when they decide who they like over here? Because I think it is a factor who is president. Do you agree?

MCCAIN: Yes, I do. In the case of Clinton, it may have been a lot of the governments at that time were left of center. They did, over time, grow to have enormous respect and appreciation for Ronald Reagan.

I think we've got to be a little more humble. I think we'd better understand that these people had this resentment toward us which every nation always has for the strongest nation in the world.

MATTHEWS: Right.

MCCAIN: We ought to probably cultivate them a lot more. We ought to probably look at the Kyoto treaty, demanding changes, but look at issues such as climate change, which are important to them. The international criminal court and other issues that are important to them.

I'm not saying cave in but work with them.