

America, the whole world is watching

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The election of Donald Trump as President was a shock to many - both in the US and worldwide. However, some had predicted his victory and pointed out the reasons why he would win the elections. [Andrew Spannaus](#), the founder of [Transatlantico.info](#), published a book in June 2016 titled [Perché vince Trump](#) (Why Trump will win). One of the main reasons for Trump's victory, which Spannaus highlighted during the panel "[America, the whole world is watching](#)", was that Trump had criticized the economic situation of the country and its foreign policy, mainly in the Middle East, and this criticism turned out to be very effective.

Spannaus added that for many years the economic policy in America was presented as everything was going well. But for many people this was not the case. And then, when somebody showed up and stopped repeating the same things which were not true people turned to him.

Spannaus also shared his view that Trump was not elected solely because of an increasing racism in the US. Furthermore, he was explicit that Trump's election was not a backlash against the eight years of Obama's presidency. He concluded that racism and xenophobia do

exist in the US but this is far from being enough to get someone like Trump elected with such results.

Watch my whole interview with Andrew Spannaus here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LsR-8DCTJs>

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