What can be done to limit nuclear proliferation and reduce the chance of a nuclear detonation on U.S. territory? Would you send U.S. soldiers into war? If so, into which wars and for what reasons? How much is the global environment degrading and what can we do about it? Does trade help or hurt the U.S. economy and its citizens? Will there be a World War III? What can the U.S. do to prevent it?

This course is designed to help you answer these questions (and others) about the major problems facing U.S. policy-makers and citizens. To make wise decisions about problems, you have to: 1. know yourself; 2. know the problem; and 3. know your adversary (and others with influence on the problem).

Accordingly, we will study:

1. Several theories about foreign policy. In social science, theories are rough guides that help us identify patterns in history. This allows us to (roughly) diagnose problems, predict the future, and propose solutions.
2. The U.S. foreign policy process, including the President, Congress, the bureaucracy, the media, and public opinion. Theories and process constitute Part I of this syllabus.
3. The history of U.S. foreign policy, from Washington's farewell address through the World Wars and the Cold War to the Gulf War. This is Part II.
4. Several major issue areas, including weapons of mass destruction, trade and economics, and the environment. This is Part III. Forecasts and strategies for the future is Part IV.

Why take this course?

1. War, pollution, and starvation are perverser, shameful, and/or tragic. Thus, they are worthy of study and even fun to study.
2. It will help you be a better citizen by understanding more fully our major problems. Many of you will be leaders in your various fields and will assume positions of responsibility. The more you are aware and knowledgeable about our major problems, the more you may be able to save some lives, reduce pollution, or increase general prosperity.
3. It will help you professionally by teaching you to write, think, and speak more clearly and persuasively. Politics, bargaining, debate, and writing are part of any job and they are the heart of USFP's subject matter and assignments.

Requirements

This course requires a five page paper, a ten page paper, a midterm, and a final. There are also three required talks to attend, and a number of 1-2 page response papers. Quizzes may be given at the Professor's discretion. In sequential order, the due dates and grade weights for the main assignments are:
Midterm; worth 20%;
Five page paper; worth 20%;
Ten page paper; worth 25%;
Final exam; worth 35%. (score influenced by talk attendance; see next para)

In addition, you must attend three USFP-related lecture/talk sponsored by one of the institutes or programs on campus. The speaker may be an outside scholar or practitioner or a local scholar or practitioner. GRADING: You must write a ½ - ⅔ page (150 words or so) response paper for this talk and hand it in. A response paper gives your reactions to the talk, addresses issues raised, and so forth. For each talk not attended, you will lose 1 point on the final exam.

There are several books to read and many readings on online reserves, although the books should be on reserve at the library. There are about 75 pages of reading per class meeting. (roughly 2100+ total pages assigned/28 class meetings – last I checked). The readings vary in amount and complexity by week. Be prepared for heavy reading during some sections. Heavy can mean sheer length and/or lots of small but conceptually distinct items. Learn to read efficiently. WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT GET CAUGHT IN THE MENTAL TRAP OF “IF I CAN NOT DO ALL OF THE READING, I WILL NOT DO ANY.” Always do as much as you can. Some hints on reading efficiently are on the how to read handout. If after reviewing this syllabus, you wish to drop the course, please do so. Sooner is better than later. On the other hand, many of you reviewed the syllabus before choosing the course. Welcome!

The Online Readings are available via the library via the “Library Reserves” under “Quicklinks” at https://library.nd.edu/

Some of these readings have their own direct websites as well.

The books are available at the Hammes bookstore and they are:


Kennan, George F., American Diplomacy, expanded ed. (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1984)

Merrill, Dennis, J. and Thomas G. Paterson, Major Problems in American Foreign Policy Volume II: Since 1914, 7 ed. (Wadsworth, 2010) (or later).


In addition to the regular course readings, you are required to keep up with major USFP-related current events by regular reading of the Washington Post or the New York Times (see web sites below - many more fun ones on my website). Discussion of current events will be part of class and optional section meetings. Tests will ask current events questions.

Grading

There is no curve. All excellent work will receive an A. All good and competent work will receive a B. Work with some significant flaws will receive a C. Work with very significant flaws will receive a D along with recommendations or requirements to speak with the TA, the Professor, any special counseling and advising services, etc. as appropriate. Incompetent, negligent, or non-existent work will receive an F.

The TAs (if any) and I want you to do excellent work. We will try hard to explain assignments clearly ahead of time and otherwise do everything we can to help you do your best. For example, when the TAs grade papers they will pay particular attention to helping you write better and thus do better on your next assignment. TA review sessions are designed in large part to review class materials and to answer your questions about anything to do with the class.
Extensions: These may be granted for legitimate reasons, including illness of the student or in the student's family. Other reasons should be discussed well in advance with me or a TA. Flexibility may be possible ahead of time; very little is possible after the fact. Schedule and assignment pressures require planning by the student much more than they require flexibility from us. Most students have lots of work and commitments. We must be fair to those who do not ask for extensions and face similar or worse time pressures. Fait accomplis (turning something in late without permission) beat the alternative of not handing anything in, but they reflect poorly on the student and are insulting to us. Grades on fait accomplis and other avoidable late assignments will be adjusted accordingly.

**Important Note:** You can not pass the course unless you complete the two major writing assignments (the five and ten page papers) and take the midterm and final exams. While the percentages indicate the weighting of each assignment, they assume completion of all major assignments. You can not pass if (for example) you have A's on all your assignments and then skip the final or fail to write an assigned paper. **Failure to complete all the assignments is grounds for failure in the course, regardless of the percentages.**

**Cheating**

Do not cheat. Your work must be your own. In writing for political science courses, cheating is most likely to take the form of plagiarism. Plagiarism is when writers use other people's words or ideas and do not give them credit. Use footnotes or endnotes to give credit for direct quotes, paraphrased quotes, or borrowed ideas. I will explain how to use footnotes and endnotes in class, in section, and in handouts. If you don't know what footnotes or endnotes are...Ask! Do not copy other people's old papers. Do not use your own old papers or use work done for another course. Do not copy or buy papers or sections of papers from the web or other sources. Do not quote or paraphrase without giving credit in footnotes or endnotes. This is true regardless of source from Wikipedia to online articles to books and other print sources.

Your ideas, your arguments, and the vast majority of your text must be your own. Everything which is not your own must be noted. Penalties for cheating range include redoing work, lowered grades, course failure, letters on your permanent record, and expulsion. Every year, a number of students are not allowed to graduate because they cheated. That is a ~$30,000 mistake. I will be furious and feel personally betrayed if anyone cheats in my class. As you may know, the University acquired an institutional license for Turnitin.com, the leading plagiarism detection service on the internet. If papers are suspected of having been plagiarized, I will use Turnitin.com as per the guidance provided by the University Honor Code Committee. For more information on cheating and its consequences, please consult the University Honor Code. Let me repeat: if you have any questions about how to use citations or about plagiarism, please ask!

You **MUST** use foot/endnotes when:
- you use other people's words or ideas in any way from direct quotes to paraphrasing to borrowed ideas.
- you include a fact that is not commonly known. Anything you had to look up must be cited.

There are several links that explain citations and how to use them, via this link, under Writing:
http://www.nd.edu/~dlindley/handouts/handoutlinks.html

**Cheating during tests.**

All tests are closed book except as noted. You may not receive any form of information during any test from any electronic communications device/s, including but not limited to cell phones, smart phones, Ipods, computers, and so forth. All such devices must be turned off and stowed away for the duration of any test. This is a courtesy to others as well as a preventive step. Please be forewarned that any appearance of violation of this policy will be presumed to be a violation of this policy.
Despite all this tough talk, which is most sincere, there are three other reasons not to cheat. First, it may alter grading curves and injure others by lowering the grades of students who did not cheat. While I do not have curves, that is nonetheless a possibility. Second, as student scholars, you are aspiring to learn how to be scholars. Scholars in the social sciences and far beyond use citations so that others can see how and how well they built their arguments and discovered new thought. Do not shortchange yourself. My writing assignments require you - believe it or not (!!) - to do independent research. If you view this as an invitation, you will flourish. And this is a serious business, so please use citations. Finally, you are paying a lot of money to learn critical reading, writing, and above all thinking and argumentational skills. Do you really want to short-change yourself?1 Do you not want to learn what original thinking is? To come up with ideas that are your own, and develop arguments and deploy evidence to support them? I’ve worked hard to provide assignments that improve writing and allow you to explore your interests. If you are here to learn, do not cheat.

Unprofessional Behavior

Arriving late without good reason or making distracting noise in class (whispering, beepers, cell phones, etc.) is unprofessional and selfish. Such behavior bothers others who have paid money to concentrate and learn something in class.

Please do not play computer games, surf the web, check email, or do anything other than take notes with your computers and other electronic devices. If you must do these rude and distracting activities, please sit in the back row so as not to disturb the more serious consumers. If you are observed using electronic devices for purposes other than taking notes, I will be made grumpy by the sign of disrespect, I will wonder why you bothered to show up for class, and you will have to worry for the rest of the semester about unspecified retribution (read Arthur Clarke’s Childhood’s End; that’s a threat that brought down governments). Note that papers and tests are graded without regard to personal histories, favorable or unfavorable. Fairness first and above all.

NOTE: starting Spring 2015, use of any electronic devices during class is banned. This includes laptops, tablets, and phones. These devices are almost inevitably distracting to the user, surrounding students, and the professor.

If you use the words 'like' and 'you know' (or other language ticks) excessively and when they add no meaning to what you are saying, you should know that many people consider those ticks unprofessional, casual, and sloppy. Take this opportunity to think about what you are saying and to refrain from excess use of such language.

I encourage you to be fairly formal in your interactions with me and the TAs. Unfortunately, I once had a hard time writing a stellar letter of recommendation for an otherwise good student because he/she was in the habit of starting his/her emails with “Hey Prof!” I had to mention this in the letter as a reservation because of the risk of sending this student before an interview board and having him/her come across as informal and flip. I take this business seriously and will reserve my maximum respect for those who share that sense of purpose (regardless of your feelings for me or the course).

Nature of Classes and Assignments

Lectures: Among other things, these are designed to cover points not mentioned in the readings, to sew together disparate points in the readings, to provide background history to help you understand the readings, and to offer contending points of view about topics for your consideration. Sometimes I review the readings, sometimes I cover other things I think are important. The former is especially true for the more theoretical readings. I expect debate and discussion in class.

Attendance: You are a paying customer and you can do what you wish with the product. Attendance is not required, but poor attendance and poor performance frequently go hand in hand. You will miss much content (I hope) and cues as

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to what I think is important in the world and for class. You may miss pop quizzes. Students with good attendance in class and sections frequently do better. By one way of counting (tuition/fees/etc. divided by minutes in class assuming five classes – 45,000 / 2; /5; /28; /75), you are paying $2.14 per minute of class time, in good old days dollars. In my view, not attending class is a waste. If you do not plan on coming much, why not drop and spare us all?

Sections and review sessions: These are weekly optional meetings that may be held by the TAs to review course materials and to answer your questions about anything to do with the class. I view TAs and sections as resources to help you learn the most and do the best you can in USFP. I do not anticipate section in F 10, but the TA and I will have plenty of office hours, and are more than willing to make appointments as well.

Written Assignments: The five page paper asks you to explain a historical or current USFP event with reference to the theories presented in class and in the readings. The ten page paper will be a policy memo. You can select a USFP problem from a list to be handed out or a problem of your choice (with approval of Professor or your TA). You will propose a solution to the problem. The solution must take into account historical factors, must assess the technical/factual and political nature of the problem, and must grapple with such barriers to your solution as adversaries' policies, and difficulties (and opportunities) suggested by the theories we covered. The allies, friends, and theories may also suggest reasons why your solution would work. More on the written assignments will be handed out when appropriate.

Hopefully, NOT APPLICABLE for this term. Midterm and Final: these will have a number of quiz-type define and explain items for which you identify and explain the significance of terms/concepts/events/persons/etc. You will be given five minutes per item to write answers in an exam blue book. The Final Exam will also have several longer essay questions, and possible essay questions will be handed out before the final. Some of these questions will appear on the final. You may take notes on the list's pages and bring them to the final. No other pages or materials can be open or consulted during the final. In studying for the final, you are encouraged to form study groups so long as the end product reflects each student's original contribution. Indeed, students are encouraged to study together and to discuss the course all semester. However, all work, from written assignments to the final, must reflect each student's own individual effort and ideas.

All above assignments will be described in greater detail when the time comes.

Email

I expect you to routinely check emails for listservs related to the course. I send out everything from newspaper stories, talk announcements, and campus events to information about assignments and exams to revisions to the syllabus. While I also cover much of this in class, missing an email is not an excuse for missing the information sent.

Useful Web Sites

To keep up with IR-related current events (as required for POLS 30201), you can read the US' top two newspapers on the web: the New York Times and the Washington Post. These are known as "newspapers of record." Some clicking around may be necessary to find all the relevant international, national, and sometimes business/economic news on tap at each site. See: http://www.nytimes.com/ and http://www.washingtonpost.com/ Other helpful current events sites are along the top of my home page, and especially good sources are the CFC roundup, the BBC, and the Economist.

I have designed my main website http://www.nd.edu/~dlindley/ to make current events and international relations research fairly easy. Near the top of the page are links to various newspapers, journals, branches of government, international organizations, and various think tanks and non-governmental organizations. You may wish to bookmark the page for the duration of the course. I use it to click around and get my daily fix on news and views. You can reach the POLS 30201 website from my home page, and here you will find the syllabus, the assignments,, and the lecture outlines will be posted there before tests. Many useful (?) handouts are also available via my home page (under HANDOUTS and ADVICE)

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Part 1: Introduction; Theoretical Concepts and Policy Process

Class 1: Introduction

Welcome to USFP! Introduce Professor and TAs. Review syllabus. Overview of themes of course. Start overview of USFP.

Class 2: Overview of USFP

What is a foreign policy? Does the U.S. have a foreign policy? What is important in the world? How can the U.S. promote its interests and/or improve the quality of life for its citizens and other people?

Readings

- President Barack Obama, *National Security Strategy* (Washington, D.C.: The White House, May 2010). This is the master strategy for U.S. foreign policy. It appears that we do have a foreign policy. What do you think? If you were spying on the U.S., what would you be able to tell your bosses after reading this document? http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf


Classes 4-7: Theoretical Concepts

Here we review some theories which help us analyze USFP. We will also discuss methodology in the social sciences. How do we know what we know? How can we make arguments when the data are not always clear?

Some of these articles and arguments should be familiar from your intro IR Classes...

We cover some systemic influences on foreign policy such as the security dilemma and balance of threat theory; some cognitive and decision-making theories, as well as collective action problems, two-level games, culture, and racism.

Readings (214 pages)

Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976), pp. 58-84. [27, in online reserves] Carrots and Sticks are the two main policy instruments. When should a state use carrots to despirit or sticks to deter? A bad choice can be disastrous. This reading about spirals suggests some conditions under which it is wise to pick carrots, and others when it is wise to pick sticks. Are carrots and sticks mutually exclusive? (carrots may also be used to induce and sticks used to coerce).


Robert Jervis, "Hypotheses on Misperception," in G. John Ikenberry, ed., *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays* (Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, and Co. 1989), pp. 461-482. [22, in online reserves] Plus: Meg Greenfield, "They Won't...They Can't..." Newsweek, June 1 1997, p. 78; and Tim Weiner, "Naivete at the CIA: Every Nation's Just Another U.S." New York Times, June 7, 1998. [2, in online reserves] The above Jervis readings suggest that some policies may have unintended consequences. This Jervis piece suggests that policy makers may be inherently prone to misperception. Uh Oh. Jervis outlines fourteen hypotheses here; if you boil them down to their essence, how many remain? The Greenfield and Weiner articles dramatically illustrate the relevance of the Jervis piece. Jervis should be required reading at the CIA. Students: do the country a favor -- read the Jervis piece and get a job in Washington.


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**Classes 8-11: The Policy Process and the Cuban Missile Crisis**

Here, I will review the policy process in the first day or two of lecture while you plunge ahead into the readings. I will sketch out who the various actors (President, Congress, etc.) are, what their legal rights and powers are, and what their powers are in reality. Think about Allison's models as I discuss the actors. Who or what sets the policy agenda? How are decisions made? And once decisions are made, how well are they executed? Can you apply insights from this
segment of the course to jobs you have had (or will have)?

Readings [482 pages]


☐ Merrill and Paterson, *Major Problems*, chapter on the Cuban Missile Crisis, pp. 360-404 [55]

☐ Allison, Graham, and Zelikow, Philip, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*, 2 ed., (New York, NY: Addison-Wesley, 1999), 3 segments: pp. 1-142, pp. 143-254, pp. 255-407. The book is the best extant illustration of how theories work as lenses. Imagine each theory to be a lens and note how different facts come into focus with each theory. Don't worry about the minutiae of each model as you first read it; just grasp the big picture (lecture will help with this, because minutiae will be helpful for you for the midterm, etc.). The Cuban Missile Crisis was the closest the U.S. and Soviet Union came to nuclear war.

☐ Robert Kaiser and Steven Mufson, “‘Blue Team’ Draws a Hard Line on Beijing,” *Washington Post*, February 22, 2000 [6, in online reserves]. An inside look at some of the forces shaping foreign policy. Is this sinister and conspiratorial? Or just the way a democracy works? What other causes receive similar support? Are there lines which should not be crossed? If so, where and how would you draw it?

☐ FP Roundtable “The War over Israel’s Influence” *Foreign Policy*, No 155 (July/August 2006) pp. 57-66 [10, in online reserves]

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**Part II: History of USFP**

**Class 12: USFP History to World War I (WWI)**

Here we begin to look at the history of USFP in the hopes that knowing our past will help us analyze the present and predict the future. As I said above: "Know Yourself."

Readings [80+ pages]


☐ Merrill, Dennis, J. and Thomas G. Paterson, *Major Problems in American Foreign Policy Volume I: To 1920*, 5 ed. (Houghton Mifflin, 2000), Chapter 11, pp. 346-375 [30, in online reserves]. The Spanish-American war helped launch the U.S. onto the world stage. **Read all about it!** (and find out why in this context that phrase is a sick joke).
Paterson, Clifford, Maddock, Kisatsky, and Hagan, American Foreign Relations, read Chapter 1, skim chapter 2 (but read sections "The Constable..." and "Japan, China...") pp. 1-32 [33+]. Standard background on the material being covered.

**Classes 13, 14: World War I and World War II**

Perhaps no issue is more worrisome than the prospect of a Third World War. While we discuss this in the last few sessions of class, it is instructive to learn why the U.S. entered the first two world wars. We did not have to. We made choices. What choices did we make? What influenced our policy? Are these same influences present today? Will future threats resemble the threats that cost us such large amounts of blood and treasure in the past?

Readings

**WWI**

- Paterson, Clifford, Maddock, Kisatsky, and Hagan, American Foreign Relations, chapters 3 and 4. [72]
- Merrill and Paterson, Major Problems, World War I chapter (2), pp 28-69 [41]

**WWII**

- Paterson, Clifford, Maddock, Kisatsky, and Hagan, American Foreign Relations, chapters 4 and 6.
- Waldo Heinrichs, The Threshold of War: Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Entry into World War II (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1988), pp. 141-142, 177-79, 246-247 (note 68) [6, in online reserves]. "Was the crucial American decision to cut off oil exports to Japan taken by a bureaucracy out of control? Utley and Heinrichs disagree. How can this mystery be unraveled?" Credit to Prof. Van Evera, MIT, for Utley vs Heinrichs and this quote from his CoW syllabus (http://web.mit.edu/17.423/www/Archive98/Syllabus.html)
- Merrill and Paterson, Major Problems, U.S. Entry into WWII chapter (4), pp. 111-152 [41]

**Classes 15, 16: Cold War**

The United States and the Soviet Union were locked in a global struggle and threatened to destroy each other with nuclear weapons for almost forty years. It seems strange, even absurd, in retrospect. How did we get into such a potentially disastrous situation? How did we manage to survive? Are we really in the clear now? Note: we will also touch on some of the Cold War's strategic nuclear issues when we cover Weapons of Mass Destruction in future classes.

Readings (141+pages)


**Class 17: Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War was a scarring experience for the U.S. that continues to affect policy to this day. How did an initially small involvement turn into such a heart-wrenching, soul-searching debacle? What lessons were learned, or should have been learned? Could it happen again?

Readings (86 pages)


**Class 18, 19: Gulf War with emphasis on the role of the media**

To date, this is the major war of the post-Cold War period. The Persian Gulf has long been declared an area vital to U.S. national interests. A vital interest is one for which the U.S. is willing to spend blood to protect. Why did we fight the Gulf War? Would you have sent troops to push Iraq out of Kuwait? Why? Why was the Congressional vote for the war so close, especially in the Senate (see "Authorization..." below)? The readings provide a number of varied and passionate viewpoints that address these questions.

We are spending two days on the Gulf War, not just because of its intrinsic importance and because it is a recent case study of the policy process in action, but also because we will use the event to analyze the role of the media in influencing policy and to explore the ethical issues raised by decisions to go to war.

Readings (94 pages). All but the first reading and the Merrill and Paterson item under President Bush are in the online reserves

- Paterson, Clifford, Maddock, Kisatsky, and Hagan, *American Foreign Relations*, pp. 459-463 Again, an overview that will help you integrate and understand the rest of the readings.


Janice Gross Stein, "Threat-Based Strategies of Conflict Management: Why Did They Fail in the Gulf?" in Stanley A. Renshon, ed., The Political Psychology of the Gulf War: Leaders, Publics, and the Process of Conflict (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1993), pp. 121-144. [23, in online reserves] (but endnotes should be part of online reserves, adding 10pp) This reading to returns us to the role of policy analyst and assesses the questions raised in the theory section above: when do carrots or sticks work and under what conditions? Was it possible to coerce Hussein? What mistakes were made and could we do better in the future?

**The following readings shift our attention to the role of the media and public opinion in the foreign policy process. We are a democracy. Do leaders follow public opinion? Should they? Or do leaders shape public opinion? And how does the media filter, distort, transmit, or otherwise help and hinder communications between leaders and the public?

Everette E. Dennis, et. al., "Censorship. The Military and the Media: The Gulf Conflict in Historical Perspective," in The Media at War: The Press and the Persian Gulf Conflict (New York, NY: Gannett Foundation Media Center, Columbia University, June 1991), pp. 8-20. [12, in online reserves] How does media coverage during the Gulf War compare to coverage during past wars? What has changed? There are certainly good arguments on all sides of the issue. What do you think the rules for the media should be?


Barbara Crossette, “The FP Memo: How to Defuse the Bolton Bomb” Foreign Policy, No. 155 (July-August 2006) pp. 68-72 [5, in online reserves]

Part III: ISSUES AND DEBATES

STARTING HERE through to the Future of USFP classes, WE MAY IMPROVISE AND SELECT NEW TOPICS and/or DIFFERENT READINGS, ETC, DEP ON CLASS INTERESTS, TIME LEFT, ETC.

Classes 20, 21, 22: Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Terrorism, Proliferation, and Arms Control

As weapons and delivery know-how, technology, and materials spread, the likelihood increases of cities being blown up by Nuclear weapons or gassed by Biological or Chemical weapons (NBC weapons are the three WMD). What is the extent of the problem? And what can be done about it? Arms control sounds good, but how well has it worked in the past?

The stakes with WMD are huge. What kind of world will you inherit and what kind of world will you leave behind?

Readings (258 pages +/-)


"The CTB Treaty and Nuclear Non-Proliferation: The Debate Continues," *Arms Control Today*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (March 1998), pp. 7-11 [5, in online reserves]. A debate about the ability of states to limit the danger of WMD with arms control. The central points in this debate could be applied to almost any weapon or arms control treaty.


**Classes 23, 24: Economics: Trade, Aid, Development, Globalization**

Here we survey some of the major economic issues facing US foreign policy makers.

Readings (162 pages). All are in the online reserves


FY 2007 International Affairs Summary pp. 1-7 [7, in online reserves]


Steven Radelet, “A Primer on Foreign Aid,” (Center for Global Development, July 2006) pp. 1-23 (+5pgs) [28, in online reserves]

U.S. Department of State, *FY 2007 Budget in Brief* (February 6th, 2006) [7, in online reserves]


Richard Odingo, “We can’t solve poverty until we stop climate change,” *The Independent*, May 15th, 2006 [3, in online reserves]

Larry Elliott, “Millennium Challenge: UN spells out the stark choice: do more for world’s poor or face disaster”  
_The Guardian_, September 8th, 2005 [3, in online reserves]

Editors of _The Economist_, "Kill or Cure?" in _The Economist_, Vol. 346, No. 8050 (January 10, 1998), pp. 13-14. [2, in online reserves] By now, you will have read stories in the newspaper about Russian economic problems. Loans from the U.S.-supported IMF dwarf regular U.S. foreign aid. But these loans are often wasted or become subject to politics. Is there an alternative?


**Classes 25, 26: Ethnic Conflict, Humanitarian Intervention, and Peacekeeping**

Many people have died or will die in conflicts in places like Bosnia, Somalia, Rwanda, Cambodia, and the Sudan. Should we care? Why? If we decide we care, what should we do about it? The readings run through a number of arguments including summarizing U.S. interests in the developing world, the role of human rights in foreign policy, the extent and nature of ethnic conflict, and a case study of what happened in the former Yugoslavia to help tie these various arguments and themes together.
Readings (126 pages)

- The United Nations, “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” (December 10, 1948) [7, in online reserves]

Class 27: Resources and the Environment

How much should we worry about the environment? Can environmental problems lead to war? The U.S. depends on imported resources for its well-being -- or does it? Under what conditions should we go to war for resources? 

Readings (80 pages, of which 18 are to skim). All are in the online reserves

- Introduction and Chapter 10, "Should We Conserve Resources for Others' Sakes? What Kinds of Resources Need Conservation?" in Julian L. Simon, *The Ultimate Resource* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1981), pp. 3-8 and 144-155. [18 - skim; focus on *Economist* article below] A provocative set of arguments that suggest we needn't worry about resources. Note that many of those who take an economic view about resources and the environment are often more optimistic than those who start with political, moral, or other assumptions. Why is this so?
Part IV: Forecasts and Strategies for the Future

Classes 28-29: The Future and What We Should Do About It

Will there be another World War? Why? Is the U.S. a declining power? Who, if anyone should we be afraid of? What should be the future U.S. grand strategy? We opened with a look at current U.S. grand strategy and we close with various arguments about the future of U.S. grand strategy.

Readings (145 pages)

This section's readings suggest different U.S. grand strategies. Posen and Ross review a number of grand strategies and go up the middle: we should be involved in some places, some of the time, when it's important. Gholz, Press, and Sapolsky seductively apply the Yellowstone natural fire policy to USFP and argue that we should butt-out (i.e.: let it burn and that's good for us). Howard argues for pre-emption, while Walt highlights some possible dangers – though focusing on grand strategy more generally. Optional: For my views on the war on terrorism, beginning with the point that it is not a war but a campaign involving more than military force, see:


