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AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE VIETNAM
(HIST/MANS/AS/DHC 495-80)
FALL 2001

PART ONE: ROOTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

WEEK ONE

SEPT 4 INTRODUCTION
Readings:
None

SEPT 6 OVERVIEW
Readings:
-Henry Kissinger, "America at the Apex: Empire or Leader," from Does America Have a Foreign Policy? (2001).
-Bruce Jentleson, Chap 1, "The Context of US Foreign Policy," from American Foreign Policy (2000).

WEEK TWO

Sept 11 CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
Readings:
-US Constitution. Art. I, sec's 8,9 and 10; Art II sec's 2 and 3.
-Louis Henkin, "Foreign Affairs and the Constitution," Foreign Affairs (1988).

Sept 13 HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK
Readings:
Henry Luce, "The American Century," from The Ambiguous Legacy: US Foreign Relations in the American Century (1999).
-LeFeber, Chap 7.

WEEK THREE

Sept. 18 HISTORICAL AND
PHILOSOPHICAL
OVERVIEW
Readings:
LeFeber, chaps 8 and 9.

PART TWO: THE TRAGEDY AND LEGACY OF VIETNAM

Sept 20 THE WAR
Video on the background of the war (TBA)
Readings:

Stanley Karnow, "The War that Nobody Won," from Vietnam: A History (1983).

WEEK FOUR

Set.25

THE VIETNAM WAR

Readings;

LeFeber, Chap 17, pp 610-623; Chap 18, pp 633-643 and 665-669.

Richard Immerman, "A Time in the Tide of Men's Affairs: Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam," from Lyndon Johnson Confronts the World (1994).

Sept 27

THE VIETNAM ERA

Readings:

James C. Thompson, Jr., "How could Vietnam Happen? An Autopsy," from The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy (1999)

William Safire, "Syndrome Returns;" NY Times, April 30, 2001

George C. Herring, "Why the United States Failed in Vietnam," from Major Problems in American Foreign Relations, (2000)

*** First Paper Due

WEEK FIVE

Oct 2

IMPACT OF VIETNAM

Readings:

Warren P. Strobel, "The CNN Effect: Myth or Reality," from Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy

US State Department, Daily Press Briefing

Robert K. Katzman, "War Powers: Toward a New Accommodation," from A Question of Balance: The President and the Congress and Foreign Policy, (1990)

Christopher Madison, "Diving for Dollars: The Lobbying Report," National Journal (1990)

PART THREE: AFTER THE COLD WAR

Oct 4

HOW IT ENDED

Readings:

Jentleson, Chap 4

LeFeber, Chap 14, pp 457-468; Chap 15 pp 502-511

WEEK SIX

Oct 9

IMPACT: CHINA AND RUSSIA

Steven Levine, "The US and China: Managing a Stormy Relationship," from China Briefing: The Contradictions of Change (1998)

Harvey Sicherman, "Yeltsin's Legacy and Putin's Plans," Foreign Policy Research Institute (2000)

Gerald Segal, "Does China Matter," from Foreign Affairs, (1999)

Oct 11

ALLIANCES: NATO,
JAPAN AND EUROPE

Readings:

Mike Mansfield, "The US and Japan: Shaping Our Destinies," from Foreign Affairs, (1989)

George Bush and Brent Scowcroft, "Leading the Alliance," from A World Transformed, (1999)

Joschka Fischer, "The Indispensable Partner," from Georgetown Journal of International affairs, (2000)

WEEK SEVEN

Oct 16

REGIONAL CONFLICTS:
The Middle East

Readings:

Tom Friedman, From Beirut to Jerusalem, pp 106-125 and pp 251-283.

Oct 18

REGIONAL CONFLICTS:
The Balkans/Kosovo,
Africa

Readings:

Richard Holbrooke, To End A War, pp 21-33 and pp 358-369, (1999)

Basil Davidson, "Pirates in Power," from The Black Man's Burden, (1999)

WEEK EIGHT

*** Oct 23

MIDTERM EXAM

PART FOUR: GLOBALIZATION

Oct 25

OVERVIEW

Readings:

Tom Friedman, "Responsive Governance in the 21st Century," 2000 Mansfield American Pacific Lectures, pp1-29

Strobe Talbott, "Globalization and Diplomacy: The View from Foggy Bottom," from The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy

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WEEK NINE

Oct 30

GLOBALIZATION
(CONT'D)

Video: "Deconstructing Globalization," World Leadership Forum, Foreign Policy Association

Nov 1

GLOBAL ISSUES:
Environment
Population
Refugees

Readings:

Robert Kaplan, "The Coming Anarchy," from Atlantic Monthly (1994)

Marc Levy, "Is the Environment a National Security Issue?" from International Security, (1995)

WEEK TEN

Nov 6

GLOBAL ISSUES
Human Rights, AIDS

Readings:

Barton Gelman, "Death Watch: The Global Response in Africa," Washington Post March 2, 2000

Robert R. Raven, "International Human Rights Take Root or the Life of the Banyan Tree," Human Rights Quarterly, (1989)

Nov 8

GLOBAL ISSUES:
Drugs, thugs, WMD

Readings:

David Andelman, "The Drug Money Maze," Foreign Affairs, (1994)

Richard K. Betts, "The New Threat of Mass Destruction," Foreign Affairs, (1998)

US State Department, Patterns of Global Terrorism 2000

WEEK ELEVEN

Nov 13

NEW STRUCTURES OF
DIPLOMACY: PRESIDENCY

Readings:

Geoffrey Kemp, "Presidential Management of the Executive Bureaucracy,"
From Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy

LeFeber, Chap 20, pp 766-779

Nov 15

INSIDE THE STATE
DEPT. AND AN EMBASSY

Readings:

The American Academy of Diplomacy, "First Line of Defense: Ambassadors, Embassies and American Interests Abroad" (2000)

WEEK TWELVE

Nov 20
Video: TBA

WEEK THIRTEEN

Nov 27

INTELLIGENCE AND
THE MILITARY

Readings:

Jentleson, Chap 8, pp 283-297

Dana Priest, "A Four-Star Foreign Policy?: US Commanders Wield Rising Clout,"
Washington Post (Nov. 2000)

*** Second Paper Due

Nov 29

MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: UN

Readings:

Jentleson, Chap 7

Michael J. Matheson, "UN Governance of Post Conflict Societies," American Journal of International Law, (2001)

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WEEK FOURTEEN

Dec 4

MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: IMF, IBRD

Readings:

Devesh Kaptur, "The IMF: Cure or Curse," from Foreign Policy, (1998)

December 6

PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:

The Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, The Final Report, Executive Summary, (1998)

United Nations, "Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations," (2000)

WEEK FIFTEEN

Dec 11

PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:

Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, "The Costs of Conflict Prevention and Cure in the Global Arena," The cases of Somalia and Haiti (1999)

PART FIVE: CONCLUSION

Dec 13

SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP

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