

PSCI 2500 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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Today

- Foreign policy:
  - What is it?
  - How is it made?
  - A video presentation on America's role in the world today.

Note: I am not following the text closely in this section.

Foreign Policy

- How does a state pursue its national interests?
- First, what are its national interests?
- A mix of the 4 P's:
  - Power.
  - Prosperity.
  - Peace.
  - Principles.

← This is a little different than how the text presents it.

Foreign Policy

- Second, how is foreign policy made?
  1. Initiation: what is the problem?
  2. Formulation: what is our policy?
  3. Implementation: who does it?
  4. Evaluation: is it working?

American Foreign Policy (AFP)

- Lesson #1: American foreign policy has multiple priorities, including:
  - Power.
  - Prosperity.
  - Peace.
  - Principles.
- Sometimes they are in conflict.
- For example, power, peace and prosperity...

The Cost of War:  
 Financial Cost of the Cold War (US only)

- \$8 trillion
- \$8,000,000,000,000
- 8,000 x \$1 billion

### Iraq War Cost

- \$2.2 trillion
- \$2,200,000,000,000
- 2,200 X \$1 billion
- over \$6,500 per person




### American Foreign Policy (AFP)

- Lesson #1: American foreign policy has multiple priorities (power, prosperity, peace, principles). Sometimes they are in conflict.
- Lesson #2: There are competing world views in AFP.

### American Foreign Policy (AFP)

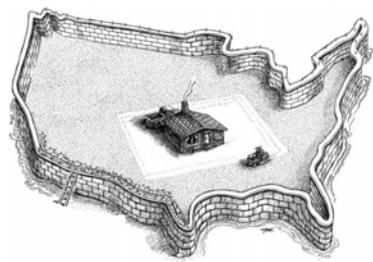
- Oscillation among priorities and approaches.



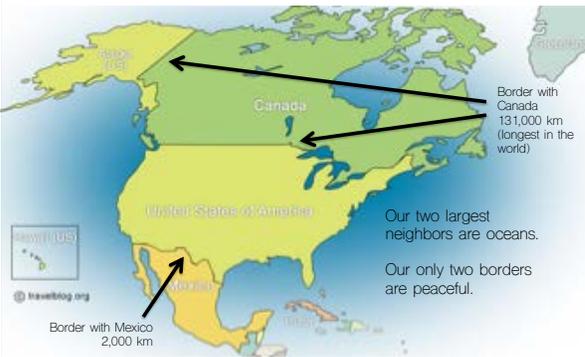
<u>The 4 P's:</u>	<u>Perspectives:</u>
Power	Realism
Prosperity	Liberalism
Peace	Isolationism
Principles	Engagement

### Isolationism

- Ascendant before and after WWI.



### The Roots of Isolationism



Border with Canada  
 131,000 km  
 (longest in the world)

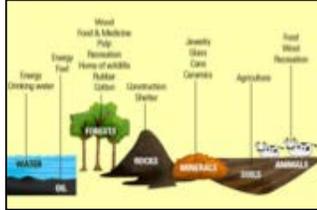
Our two largest  
 neighbors are oceans.

Our only two borders  
 are peaceful.

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### Natural Resource Wealth

- Forest
- Fresh water (8% of world supply)
- Diverse climate (agriculture)
- Fertile soil
- Hydrocarbon energy sources (oil, natural gas, coal)
- Precious minerals
- Industrial minerals



### Isolationist Tendencies in AFP

- Monroe Doctrine, 1823.
  - The Western hemisphere: "ours."
  - Stay out of our business; we'll stay out of yours.
  - Contrast to Carter Doctrine, 1980: right to protect interests in Persian Gulf.



James Monroe



Jimmy Carter

### Isolationist Tendencies in AFP

- Refusal to join League of Nations, 1920.
- Neutrality Acts of the 1930s.



- See video on isolationism at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEqIZ-S0Ss0>

### Isolationist Tendencies in AFP

- Refusal to join League of Nations, 1920.
- Neutrality Acts of the 1930s.
- Elements of Trump presidency.
  - Promises of reduced commitment to NATO, Japan, South Korea, NAFTA, Paris Accords.



### Engagement

- Dominant since WWII.



## Video

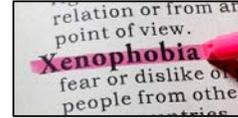
- "How the US should use its superpower status."
- Ian Bremmer (president of Eurasia Group).
- He is a liberal internationalist ("globalist").



- [https://www.ted.com/talks/ian\\_bremmer\\_how\\_the\\_us\\_should\\_use\\_its\\_superpower\\_status](https://www.ted.com/talks/ian_bremmer_how_the_us_should_use_its_superpower_status)

## Video

- Some context:
  - He is a liberal internationalist ("globalist").
  - The talk was late in the election (Sept. 2016).
  - G-20: 20 largest economies.
  - G-7: seven richest capitalist democracies.
  - **\*\* Xenophobia**: fear or hatred of foreigners.
  - **\*\* Nativism**: protecting the interests of native-born inhabitants against those of immigrants.



- Do we live in a driverless world?
- If so, how can we "lead by example"?