

American University  
School of International Service

***SIS U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Middle East*** Syllabus

**Class time:** Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:20am-11:35am

**Class location:**

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**Course Description**

*United States Foreign Policy Towards the Middle East* focuses on the strategic challenges facing U.S. policymakers in one of the world's most important regions. The course will draw on readings, class discussion, and the instructor's government experience to help students develop a sense of the historical evolution of U.S policy in the Middle East and an analytic framework for understanding current policy debates.

The class will meet twice a week for a total of 28 sessions in the Fall of 2011. The course will be organized in an intensive format combining lecture presentation with seminar-type discussion. Each class session will focus on a discrete challenge or problem for U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. My office hours will be from 5-8pm each Thursday in SIS 312. I can be reached for questions at any time by email, [leverett@american.edu](mailto:leverett@american.edu).

**Requirements**

Students will be expected to digest the weekly readings before each class session and to reflect critical engagement with the readings in their participation in each week's discussions. (More information about the readings is provided below.)

Each student will also be required to complete a two-part in class midterm examination and a "take home" final examination. The two-part midterm will be administered in class on Tuesday, October 25 and Friday, October 28. The "take home" exam will be distributed in class during the last week of the semester and is to be turned in by 9am on the day of the course's scheduled final exam.

**The following must be completed to receive a final grade for the course:**

1. **Class Participation:** Students are expected to actively participate in weekly class discussions. This includes: providing meaningful input into the topic, offering opinions, and asking questions. Class attendance is part of this grade.

2. **Mid-term exams:**

Part I: You will need draft, in class, a policy memorandum (maximum length of five double spaced pages) recommending a U.S. policy response to an issue presented to you regarding the Middle East.

Part II: You will need to revise your draft policy memorandum to reflect my feedback.

You must be present in class to take and submit each part of the mid-term.

3. **Final exam:** needs to be submitted by 9am on the day designated for this course's final examination.

### **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students who miss 3 or more class sessions may receive a one letter grade deduction from their final grade. You are responsible for contacting the instructor if you are unable to attend a class.

My office hours will be from 5-8pm each Thursday or by appointment. I also can be reached for questions by email: [leverett@american.edu](mailto:leverett@american.edu) or [leverett@stratega.us](mailto:leverett@stratega.us).

### **Readings**

Readings will consist of a mix of books, monographs, journal articles, and original documents. The readings are organized by topic as specified in the schedule below. Some assigned readings are available online, as indicated below, and the other readings are available as e-reserves and in the library. The following books have been ordered through the bookstore and requested in the library:

Ansari, Ali, *Confronting Iran: the Failure of American Foreign Policy* (Basic Books, 2007)

Khalidi, Rashid, *Sowing Crisis: The Cold War and American Dominance in the Middle East* (Beacon paperback, 2009)

- Leverett, Flynt, *Inheriting Syria: Bashar's Trial By Fire*, (Brookings Institution Press, 2005).
- Miles, Hugh, *Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel That is Challenging the West* (Paperback, 2006 or most recent edition)
- Miller, Aaron, *The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace* (Bantam paperback, 2008)
- Rutherford, Bruce, *Egypt After Mubarak: Liberalism, Islam, and Democracy in the Arab World* (Princeton, 2008)

### Course Objectives

- Stimulate critical thinking and analysis of U.S. strategy toward the Middle East
- Explore the historical and political foundations of U.S. foreign policy towards the Middle East
- Stimulate critical evaluation of U.S. analyses of domestic politics and regional dynamics in the Middle East
- Examine the ways in which assumptions about the Middle East's domestic politics and regional context distort U.S. policy towards the region
- Examine the ways in which U.S. policy in the Middle East has unfolded, to date
- Identify and discuss what it would take for U.S. policy towards the Middle East to become more constructive in the future
- Investigate current debates about U.S. policy towards the Middle East

### Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to

- Critically analyze their own opinions and assumptions about U.S. policy towards the Middle East
- Identify existing problems and potential solutions for the United States to have a more constructive policy towards the Middle East
- Provide examples of the factors which have undermined effective U.S. policies towards the Middle East
- Identify faulty assumptions about the Middle East's domestic politics and regional dynamics, and discuss how they impact U.S. policy
- Develop and propose more effective U.S. policies towards the Middle East
- Describe foreign policy decision making processes in the United States and key Middle Eastern states

### Grading

A and A- grades will reflect consistent higher level thinking: analysis, synthesis & evaluation; well organized & presented work; creativity & originality; intellectual engagement with ideas.

B+, B, and B- grades will reflect a command of the material with some examples of higher level thinking, organization, creativity and intellectual engagement

C+, C, and C- grades reflect a lack of higher level thinking, intellectual engagement, well organized work.

D grade will result from minimum course requirements not being fully met  
F grade will result from minimum course requirements not being met

### **Expectations**

All assignments need to be turned in on time. If an extension is required, please contact the instructor. You must receive prior permission from me if you want to submit part of a paper that you have written for a previous class. All work that you do should be your own, though you are encouraged to collaborate with other students.

### **Academic Integrity**

Standards of academic conduct are set forth in the University's Academic Integrity Code. By registering, you have acknowledged your awareness of the Academic Integrity Code, and you are obliged to become familiar with your rights and responsibilities as defined by the Code. Violations of the Academic Integrity Code will not be treated lightly, and disciplinary actions will be taken should such violations occur. Please see me if you have any questions about the academic violations described in the Code in general or as they relate to particular requirements for this course.

### **Emergency Preparedness for Disruption of Classes**

In the event of an emergency, American University will implement a plan for meeting the needs of all members of the university community. Should the university be required to close for a period of time, we are committed to ensuring that all aspects of our educational programs will be delivered to our students. These may include altering and extending the duration of the traditional term schedule to complete essential instruction in the traditional format and/or use of distance instructional methods. Specific strategies will vary from class to class, depending on the format of the course and the timing of the emergency. Faculty will communicate class-specific information to students via AU e-mail and Blackboard, while students must inform their faculty immediately of any absence. Students are responsible for checking their AU e-mail regularly and keeping themselves informed of emergencies. In the event of an emergency, students should refer to the AU Student Portal, the AU Web site ([www.prepared.american.edu](http://www.prepared.american.edu)) and the AU information line at (202) 885-1100 for general university-wide information, as well as contact

their faculty and/or respective dean's office for course and school/ college-specific information.

### Schedule

**Tuesday, August 30: Introduction to Course.** Read:

Alastair Crooke, "The Shifting Sands of State Power in the Middle East," *The Washington Quarterly*, July 2010, can be accessed here:

[http://www.twq.com/10july/docs/10jul\\_Crooke.pdf](http://www.twq.com/10july/docs/10jul_Crooke.pdf)

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, "The Dispensable Nation," *Foreign Policy*, May 20, 2011,

[http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/05/20/the\\_dispensable\\_nation](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/05/20/the_dispensable_nation)

**Friday, September 2: America's Agenda in the Middle East.** Read:

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, "The United States, Iran and the Middle East's New Cold War," *International Spectator*, v.45, no.1, March 2010, pages 75-87,

<http://sia.psu.edu/file/Leverett/TheInternationalSpectatorArticleMarch2010.pdf>

Start reading Khalidi, *Sowing Crisis*, pp. 1-157 (reading needs to be completed by September 6)

**Tuesday, September 6 and Friday, September 9: U.S. Interests in Middle Eastern Oil and Gas.** Read:

Finish Khalidi, *Sowing Crisis*, pp. 1-157

Flynt Leverett and Pierre Noël, "The New Axis of Oil", *The National Interest* (Summer 2006; available online at

[http://www.newamerica.net/publications/articles/2006/the\\_new\\_axis\\_of\\_oil](http://www.newamerica.net/publications/articles/2006/the_new_axis_of_oil) )

Flynt Leverett, "Resource Mercantilism and the Militarization of Resource Management: Rising Asia and the Future of American Primacy in the Persian Gulf", in Daniel Moran and James Russell, eds., *Energy Security and Global Politics: The Militarization of Resource Management*, (Oxford: Routledge, 2008; available online at

<http://sia.psu.edu/file/Leverett/ResourceMercantilism.pdf> ); and

Flynt Leverett and Jeffrey Bader, “Managing China-U.S. Energy Competition in the Middle East”, *The Washington Quarterly* 29:1 (Winter 2005-06; available online at [http://www.twg.com/06winter/docs/06winter\\_leverett.pdf](http://www.twg.com/06winter/docs/06winter_leverett.pdf))

**Tuesday, September 13 and Friday 16: U.S. Relations with Saudi Arabia—Strategic Partnership and its Discontents.** Read:

David Long, “U.S.-Saudi Relations: A Foundation of Mutual Needs”, *Arab-American Affairs* (Spring 1983; available online at <http://www.disam.dsca.mil/pubs/Vol%206-1/Long.pdf>)

Gregory Gause “Be Careful What You Wish For: The Future of U.S.-Saudi Relations,” *World Policy Journal*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (Spring 2002)

Daniel Pipes, “The Scandal of U.S.-Saudi Relations”, *The National Interest* (Winter 2002-03; available online at <http://www.danielpipes.org/995/the-scandal-of-us-saudi-relations>)

Flynt Leverett, “[Reengaging Riyadh](#)” in Flynt Leverett, ed., *The Road Ahead: Middle East Policy in the Bush Administration’s Second Term* (Brookings, 2005)

Flynt Leverett, “[Oil, the Dollar, and U.S.-Saudi Relations](#)” (April 2009)

Gregory Gause “Official Wahhabism and the Sanctioning of Saudi-US Relations,” in Mohammed Ayoob and Hasan Kosebalaban (eds.), *Religion and Politics in Saudi Arabia: Wahhabism and the State*, Lynne Rienner, 2009

Chas Freeman, “[The Saudis Take a Chinese Wife](#),” SUSRIS

**Tuesday, September 20 and Friday, September 23: Israel and the United States and the Arab-Israeli conflict—Between Honest Broker and the Special Relationship,** Read:

Miller, *The Much Too Promised Land*, pp. 1-124 and 236-360

**Tuesday, September 27 and Friday, September 30: The Iranian Challenge to American Hegemony: U.S. Relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran.** Read:

Ali Ansari, *Confronting Iran: the Failure of American Foreign Policy*, 2006, pages 1-6, 93-232

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “The Grand Bargain”, *Washington Monthly* (August/September/October 2008; available online at <http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2008/0808.leverett.html>);

Hillary Mann Leverett, “Interview: U.S. Should Seek Comprehensive Accord with Iran”, Council on Foreign Relations, February 9, 2009 (also posted on *The New York Times* online edition; available online at [http://www.nytimes.com/cfr/world/slot1\\_20090204.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/cfr/world/slot1_20090204.html?_r=2));

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “Have We Already Lost Iran?”, *The New York Times* (May 24, 2009; available online at <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/24/opinion/24leverett.html>);

Daniel Pipes, “How to Save the Obama Presidency: Bomb Iran”, *National Review Online* (February 2, 2010; available online at <http://www.danielpipes.org/7921/bomb-iran-save-obama-presidency>);

James Lindsay and Ray Takeyh, “The Force Needed to Contain Iran,” *The Washington Post*, February 21, 2010, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/19/AR2010021904255.html>

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “Ahmadinejad Won. Get Over It”, *POLITICO* (June 15, 2009; available online at <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0609/23745.html>);

Flynt Leverett, Hillary Mann Leverett, and Seyed Mohammad Marandi, “Will Iran Be President Obama’s Iraq?”, *POLITICO* (June 24, 2009; available online at <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0609/24099.html>);

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “Another Iranian Revolution? Not Likely”, *The New York Times* (January 5, 2010; available online at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/06/opinion/06leverett.html> );

Matthew Weaver “Iran's 'Twitter Revolution' Was Exaggerated, Says Editor,” *Guardian.co.uk*, Wednesday 9 June 2010, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/09/iran-twitter-revolution-protests>

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “Agenda-Driven Journalism and the Lust for ‘Regime Change’ in Iran, *www.RaceForIran.com*, June 16, 2010, <http://www.raceforiran.com/agenda-driven-journalism-and-the-lust-for-%E2%80%9Cregime-change%E2%80%9D-in-iran>

Hillary Mann Leverett, *et. al.*, *Moving (Slightly) Closer to Iran: China's Shifting Calculus for Managing its "Persian Gulf Dilemma"*, Asia-Pacific Policy Papers Series (Washington, DC: Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins University—SAIS, 2009; available online at [http://www.sais-jhu.edu/bin/y/v/moving\\_slightly\\_closer.pdf](http://www.sais-jhu.edu/bin/y/v/moving_slightly_closer.pdf))

Hillary Mann Leverett, "U.S. Diplomacy With Iran: The Limits of Tactical Engagement", Statement to the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, U.S. House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, November 7, 2007 (pdf)

**Tuesday, October 4 and Friday, October 7: The rise of "Resistance" Forces—HAMAS, Hizballah, and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East, Read:**

*Covenant of the Islamic Resistance Movement* (1988; available online at [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/hamas.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp));

Henry Siegman, "HAMAS: The Last Chance for Peace?", *The New York Review of Books* 53:7 (April 27, 2006; available online at <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/18939>);

Michael Herzog, "Can HAMAS Be Tamed?", *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2006; available online at [http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/fora85&div=29&g\\_sent=1&collection=journals](http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/fora85&div=29&g_sent=1&collection=journals));

Khalid Mishal, "We Will Not Sell our People or Our Principles for Aid", *The Guardian* (January 31, 2006; available online at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2006/jan/31/comment.israelandthepalestinians>);

"Interview—We Do Not Wish to Throw Them Into the Sea", *Washington Post* (February 24, 2006; available online at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/24/AR2006022402317.html>);

Ismail Haniyeh, "A Just Peace or No Peace", *The Guardian* (March 31, 2006; available online at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2006/mar/31/israel>);

Ismail Haniyeh, "Aggression Under False Pretenses", *Washington Post* (July 11, 2006; available online at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/07/10/AR2006071001108.html>);

Ismail Haniyeh, Khalid Mishal, “Our Unity Can Now Pave the Way for Peace and Justice”, *The Guardian* (February 13, 2007; <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2007/feb/13/israel.comment>);

International Crisis Group, *Ruling Palestine I: Gaza Under HAMAS*, Middle East Report No 73 (March 2008; available online at <http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/israel-palestine/072-ruling-palestine-I-gaza-under-hamas.aspx>)

International Crisis Group, *Palestinian Reconciliation: Plus Ça Change...*, Middle East Report N°110 (July 20, 2011; available online at <http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/Middle%20East%20North%20Africa/Israel%20Palestine/110%20Palestinian%20Reconciliation%20Plus%20a%20Change.pdf>)

Nicolas Pelham and Max Rodenbeck, “Which Way for HAMAS?”, *The New York Review of Books* 56:17 (November 5, 2009; available online at <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/23313>)

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “ Hamas, Turkey, Iran, and Strategic Leadership in the Middle East,” *www.RaceForIran.com*, June 1, 2010, <http://www.raceforiran.com/hamas-turkey-iran-and-strategic-leadership-in-the-middle-east>

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “The Politics of Resistance: The Islamic Republic and Hamas,” *www.RaceForIran.com*, December 14, 2009, <http://www.raceforiran.com/the-politics-of-resistance-the-islamic-republic-and-hamas>

International Crisis Group, *Hizbollah and the Lebanese Crisis*, Middle East Report No. 69 (October 2007; available online at <http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/israel-palestine/069-hizbollah-and-the-lebanese-crisis.aspx> ).

**Tuesday, October 11 (no class, Friday, October 14): *Jihadi* extremism and the “war on terror”—strategic dilemmas and unintended consequences. Read:**

Khalidi, *Sowing Crisis*, pp. 201-246;

Robert Pape, *Suicide Terrorism and Democracy: What We’ve Learned Since 9/11*, Policy Analysis No. 582 (Washington, DC: Cato Institute, November 1, 2006; available online at <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa582.pdf>);

Assaf Moghadam, “Motives for Martyrdom: Al-Qaida, Salafi Jihad, and the Spread of Suicide Attacks”, *International Security* 33:3 (Winter 2009; available online at [http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/isec.2009.33.3.46?prevSearch=authorsfield%253A%2528Moghadam%252C%2BAassaf%2529&searchHistoryKey=\)](http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1162/isec.2009.33.3.46?prevSearch=authorsfield%253A%2528Moghadam%252C%2BAassaf%2529&searchHistoryKey=)/)).

“Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 5 (September/October 2005)

**Tuesday, October 18 and Friday, October 21: The Search for Strategy in Afghanistan—Post-Conflict Stabilization, “Nation-Building”, and Regional Engagement.** Read:

Afghanistan Study Group, *A New Way Forward: Rethinking U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan*, (2010), can be accessed here: [http://www.afghanistanstudygroup.org/NewWayForward\\_report.pdf](http://www.afghanistanstudygroup.org/NewWayForward_report.pdf)

Robert Pape and James Feldman, *Cutting the Fuse: The Explosion of Suicide Terrorism and How to Stop It*, University of Chicago Press, 2010, chapter 4 on Afghanistan.

Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, “COIN Strategy: Civilian Concerns” and “Looking Beyond Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan” (November 2009; available online at <http://documents.nytimes.com/eikenberry-s-memos-on-the-strategy-in-afghanistan#p=1>);

Rajiv Chandrasekaran, “Civilian, Military Officials at Odds Over Resources Needed for Afghan Counterinsurgency”, *Washington Post* (October 8, 2009; available online at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/07/AR2009100704088.html?sid=ST2009100704286>);

Michael Hastings, “The Runaway General: The Rolling Stone profile of Stanley McChrystal that changed history,” *Rolling Stone*, June 22, 2010, <http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-runaway-general-20100622>

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, “Obama's Afghanistan Policy: What a New General Can't Fix,” *The Huffington Post*, June 23, 2010, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/flynt-and-hillary-mann-leverett/obamas-afghanistan-policy\\_b\\_623062.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/flynt-and-hillary-mann-leverett/obamas-afghanistan-policy_b_623062.html)

Hillary Mann Leverett, "The Real Winner of Afghanistan's Election," *Foreign Policy*, August 31, 2009,  
[http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/08/31/the\\_warlord\\_winner\\_of\\_afghanistans\\_election?page=full](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/08/31/the_warlord_winner_of_afghanistans_election?page=full)

Hillary Mann Leverett, "It's Not Karzai's War: The United States, Iran, and Afghanistan's Future," *www.RaceForIran.com*, April 19th, 2010,  
<http://www.raceforiran.com/it%E2%80%99s-not-karzai%E2%80%99s-war-the-united-states-iran-and-afghanistans-future>

Hillary Mann Leverett, "What Hamid Karzai Has to Offer," *Politico*, May 12, 2010, <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0510/37130.html>

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, "Afghanistan, Iran, and Petraeus' Real Challenge," *The Huffington Post*, June 28, 2010,  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/flynt-and-hillary-mann-leverett/afghanistan-iran-and-petr\\_b\\_628432.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/flynt-and-hillary-mann-leverett/afghanistan-iran-and-petr_b_628432.html)

Hillary Mann Leverett, "AfPak Behind the Lines: Iran in Afghanistan and Pakistan," *Foreign Policy*, July 6, 2010, can be accessed here:  
[http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/07/06/afpak\\_behind\\_the\\_lines\\_iran\\_in\\_afghanistan\\_and\\_pakistan](http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/07/06/afpak_behind_the_lines_iran_in_afghanistan_and_pakistan) ;

Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett, "Stumbling Into a Proxy War With Iran in Afghanistan," *The Huffington Post*, July 21, 2010,  
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*White Paper of the Interagency Policy Group's Report on U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan* (March 2009; available online at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/afghanistan\\_pakistan\\_white\\_paper\\_final.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/afghanistan_pakistan_white_paper_final.pdf));

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**Tuesday, October 25 and Friday, October 28: Midterm examination**

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**Tuesday, November 1 and Friday, November 4: Iraq and America's Imperial Temptation in the Middle East**

Stephen Walt, "When Did the American Empire Start to Decline?" *www.ForeignPolicy.com*, August 1, 2011, can be accessed on-line here: [http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/08/01/when\\_did\\_the\\_american\\_empire\\_start\\_to\\_decline](http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/08/01/when_did_the_american_empire_start_to_decline)

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Jonathan Monten, "The Roots of the Bush Doctrine: Power, Nationalism, and Democracy Promotion in U.S. Strategy," *International Security*, Vol. 29, No. 4 (Spring 2005), pp. 112–156.

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Gregory Gause, "Iraq's Decisions to Go to War, 1980 and 1990," *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 56, No. 1, (Winter 2002).

Daniel Byman, "An Autopsy of the Iraq Debacle: Policy Failure or Bridge Too Far?" *Security Studies*, 17: 599–643, 2008.

**Tuesday, November 8 and Friday, November 11: U.S. Relations with Egypt—Strategic Imperatives and Competing Policy Priorities.** Read:

Roger Owen, "Egypt" in Robert Chase, Emily Hill, and Paul Kennedy, eds., *The Pivotal States: A New Framework for U.S. Policy in the Developing World* (Norton, 2000).

Rutherford, *Egypt After Mubarak*, (Princeton University Press, 2008, paperback or latest edition), chapters 3, 4, and 6

**Tuesday, November 15 and Friday, November 18: The Middle East in a Wired World: The al Jazeera effect and U.S. Foreign Policy.** Read:

Jeremy M. Sharp, "The Al-Jazeera News Network: Opportunity or Challenge for U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East?" *Congressional Research Service Report for Congress*, July 23, 2003

[http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metacrs8187/m1/1/high\\_res\\_d/RL31889\\_2003Jul23.pdf](http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metacrs8187/m1/1/high_res_d/RL31889_2003Jul23.pdf)

Hugh Miles, *Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel That is Challenging the West* (paperback 2005 or most recent edition)

**Tuesday, November 29: Vacillating Between Engagement and Regime Change, Part I: U.S. Strategy Towards Libya.** Read:

Flynt Leverett, “Why Libya Gave Up on the Bomb,” *The New York Times*, January 23, 2004

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Bruce W. Jentleson and Christopher A. Whytock, “Who ‘Won’ Libya? The Force-Diplomacy Debate and Its Implications for Theory and Policy,” *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 3 (Winter 2005/06), pp. 47–86

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Transcript of President Obama’s speech on Libya, March 28, 2011

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/mar/28/transcript-president-obamas-speech-libya/>

Senior State Department Officials, Special Briefing, En Route, Turkey, July 14, 2011, <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/07/168595.htm>;

Christopher Boucek, “Islamist Terrorists in Libya,” *Christian Science Monitor*, May 11, 2011, <http://carnegieendowment.org/2011/05/11/islamist-terrorists-in-libya/223>

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