

**American University
School of International Service**

**SIS *Rethinking U.S. Strategy Toward the Islamic Republic of Iran*: Syllabus
Spring 2012**

Class time: Thursdays, 8:00-10:30pm

Class location: TBD

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Course Description

Rethinking U.S. Strategy Toward the Islamic Republic of Iran will challenge students to think critically about one of the most important problems in contemporary America foreign policy—how to deal with the rise of Islamic Republic of Iran. Over the last decade, the Islamic Republic has emerged as a key player in the most consequential political and strategic dramas unfolding across the Middle East. In the process, the Islamic Republic has consolidated a role as *de facto* leader of resistance to America’s hegemonic posture and aspirations across the broader Middle East—in the Gulf, the Arab-Israeli arena, Afghanistan, and Central Asia.

Iran’s “rise” makes the Islamic Republic’s choices regarding its alignment toward key international players an increasingly critical factor in regional and global power balances. Against this backdrop, the course will explore, in depth, the Iranian “challenge” for American foreign policy. Drawing on the instructor’s extensive U.S. government experience on Iran and broader Middle East issues, the class will include hands-on simulations of U.S. and Iranian foreign policy decision-making.

Course Organization

In addition to foundational lectures and discussions, the course will be divided into three parts to examine, in depth, three core ideas driving U.S. policy toward the Islamic Republic.

- The first examines the assertion that the Islamic Republic pursues “irrational” policies.
- The second examines the idea that the Islamic Republic is an “illegitimate” political order.
- The third examines the proposition that the Islamic Republic is an “isolated pariah” state.

For each of these three parts, there will be a lecture and substantive discussion of the topic, a policy simulation and a small-group strategy preparation session with

Professor Leverett. Through the simulations and other aspects of the course, you will develop your capacity to understand and evaluate foreign policy and national security strategy and decision making, on Iran and other critical issues for U.S. foreign policy.

Course Requirements / Assignments:

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 (class attendance is part of this grade),
 - the three small-group meetings with Professor Leverett, and
 - the three simulations.

This includes providing meaningful input into the topic, offering opinions, asking questions and sharing current research.

The week prior to each strategy simulation, I will meet with students in specified small groups through which you will participate in for each simulation. These small group meetings, as well as the simulations, are required meetings and take place during regularly scheduled classes.

2. You will need to draft a five page (double spaced, century schoolbook, 12 point font) policy memorandum for, and prior to, each of the three simulations—meaning there are three 5 page papers required for this course. Each paper is due by the start of class for each simulation and cannot be accepted late.
3. Graduate students also will need to draft a ten page (double spaced, century schoolbook, 12 point font) decision memorandum from the U.S. National Security Advisor to the President of the United States. DUE BY 9am THE DAY OF THE DESIGNATED FINAL EXAM FOR THIS CLASS

**In calculating final grades, the instructor will ascribe weights of 45% percent to the quality of your participation in the class discussions, small group meetings and strategy simulations, and 55% to the quality of your written papers.

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. Students who miss a simulation without prior, written consent from the instructor will 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 6-8pm each Thursday in SIS 312 or by appointment. I can be reached for questions at any time by email: leverett@american.edu.

Readings:

Readings will consist of a mix of books, monographs, journal articles, original documents and a web blog. The readings are organized by topic as specified in the schedule below. Where possible, I have imbedded links to readings and will email PDF copies for some book chapters and other readings. The books listed below need to be purchased or borrowed from the library. The dates/editions of the books listed below are the ones I use but it is fine for you to use paperback or digital versions.

Adib-Moghaddam, Arshin, *Iran in World Politics: The Question of the Islamic Republic* (Columbia University Press, 2008)

Ansari, Ali, *Confronting Iran: The Failure of American Foreign Policy and the Next Great Crisis in the Middle East* (Basic Books) (2007)

Ehteshami, Anoushiravan and Zweiri, Mahjoub, *Iran and the Rise of its Neoconservatives*, (I.B. Tauris, 2007).

Layne, Christopher, *The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy From 1940 to the Present* (Cornell University Press, 2006)

Picco, Giandomenico, *Man Without a Gun: One Diplomat's Secret Struggle to Free the Hostages, Fight Terrorism, and End a War*, (Crown, 1999) (**This book, *Man Without a Gun*, is no longer in print but you can get used copies for as little as 83 cents on Amazon.**)

Course Objectives:

- Stimulate critical thinking and analysis of U.S. strategy in the Middle East
- Stimulate critical evaluation of Western analyses of Iranian foreign policy and domestic politics;
- Explore the historical and political foundations of U.S. foreign policy towards Iran;
- Examine the ways in which false assumptions about Iranian foreign policy and domestic politics distort U.S. policy towards the Islamic Republic.
- Examine the ways in which U.S.-Iranian diplomacy has unfolded, to date.
- Identify and discuss what it would take for U.S.-Iranian diplomacy to become more productive in the future.
- Investigate current debates about U.S. policy towards Iran.

Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to:

- Critically analyze their own opinions about U.S. policy towards Iran;
- Identify how their own experiences and background may have influenced their opinions about U.S. policy towards Iran;

- Provide examples of the factors which have, historically, undermined sustained progress in U.S.-Iranian diplomacy.
- Identify faulty assumptions and unsubstantiated assertions about Iranian foreign policy and domestic politics, and discuss how they impact U.S. policy.
- Develop and purpose more effective U.S. policies towards Iran.
- Describe foreign policy decision making processes in both the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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 papers must be turned in on time. Extensions may be provided in extenuating circumstances by written request of 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) 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

Week 1 (January 19): Introduction and overview—Rethinking U.S. foreign policy toward Iran.

Leverett, Hillary Mann, "Have We Already Lost Iran?" (with Flynt Leverett), *New York Times*, May 24, 2009 (NOTE THE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE), <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/24/opinion/24leverett.html>;

Ansari, *Confronting Iran*, pp. 1-6, 93-232.

www.RaceForIran.com (manifesto as well as current posts throughout the semester)

Week 2 (January 26): Why Iran Matters to the United States and the Drivers for U.S. Policy Toward Iran.

Adib-Moghaddam, *Iran in World Politics*, pp. 1-29;

Barzegar, Kayhan, "Iran, the Middle East, and International Security," *Ortadoğu Etütleri* 1:1 (July 2009)
http://www.orsam.org.tr/en/enUploads/Article/Files/20091016_barzegar.pdf ;

Katzmann, Ken, *Iran: U. S. Concerns and Policy Responses* (Congressional Research Service, 2010) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL32048.pdf>;

Nasr, Vali, "When the Shiites Rise," *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2006),
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/61733/vali-nasr/when-the-shiites-rise>;

Sadeji, Amir, "Geopolitics of the Persian Gulf Security: Iran and the United States," *IPRI Journal* 9:2]2 (Summer 2009),
<http://ipripak.org/journal/summer2009/Article5.pdf>;

Layne, *The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy from 1940 to the Present*, 2006, pp. 1-38;

Mearsheimer, John, *Structural Realism*, 2006, pages 71-86,
http://www.oup.com/uk/orc/bin/9780199298334/dunne_chap04.pdf;

Parsi, *Treacherous Alliance*, pp. 139-171 (PDF to be provided);

Leverett, Flynt and Leverett, Hillary Mann, "Iran Is No Existential Threat", *Foreign Policy*, December 4, 2009 (PDF to be provided);

"U.S. Policy Toward Iran," The White House, Draft National Security Decision Directive (NSDD), June 17, 1985
<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB21/05-01.htm>.

Week 3 (February 2): The Legacies of History

Adib-Moghaddam, *Iran in World Politics*, pp. 31-122;

Precht, Henry, "The Iranian Revolution 25 Years Later: An Oral History with Henry Precht, the State Department Officer," *Middle East Journal*, 58:1 (Winter 2004), <http://www.iranian.com/Opinion/2004/February/HP/Images/hp.pdf>

Picco, *Man Without a Gun*, pp. 3-7 and 53-295.

First Core Issue: The Islamic Republic and The Question of Rationality

Week 4 (February 9): The Islamic Republic's foreign policy.

Leverett, Flynt and Leveret, Hillary Mann, *Going to Tehran: Why the United States Must Come to Terms with the Islamic Republic* (forthcoming), chapters 1-3 (PDF to be provided);

Zarif, Mohammad Javad, "Tackling the Iran-U.S. Crisis: The Need for a Paradigm Shift," *Journal of International Affairs*, v. 60, no.2, Spring/Summer 2007,
<http://www.zarif.net/Articles/Columbia%20JIA.pdf>

Week 5 (February 16): Small Group Meeting –in SIS 312

Milani, Mohsan, “[Tehran’s Take](#),” *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2009);

Buchta, Wilfried, *Who Rules Iran? The Structure of Power in the Islamic Republic* (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2000), pgs 1-77 (chapter 1), can be accessed here-- <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/WhoRulesIran.pdf>;

Barzegar, Kayhan, “Iran and the Shiite Crescent: Myths and Realities,” *The Brown Journal of World Affairs* 14:1 (Fall/Winter, 2008), pp. 87-99, <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/BRZ.BJWA.2008.pdf>;

Barzegar, Kayhan, “[The Paradox of Iran’s Nuclear Consensus](#),” *World Policy Journal*, 26:3 (Fall 2009), pp. 21-20;

Barzegar, Kayhan, “Iran’s Foreign Policy Strategy After Saddam,” *The Washington Quarterly* 33:1 (January 2010), pp. 73-189 http://www.twq.com/10january/docs/10jan_barzegar.pdf;

Buchta, Wilfried “Iran’s Security Sector: An Overview,” August 2004, <http://www.dcaf.ch/docs/WP146.pdf>;

Maleki, Abbas, “Iran’s Regional/Energy Policy,” http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:sjw_txmDrkUJ:www.caspianstudies.com/Foreignpolicy/my%2520new%2520article/Iran%2520Regional%2520Foreign%2520Energy%2520Policy.doc+politika+abbas+maleki&cd=2&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us;

Maleki, Abbas, “Decision Making in Iran’s Foreign Policy: A Heuristic Approach,” <http://www.caspianstudies.com/article/Decision%20Making%20in%20Iran-FinalDraft.pdf>;

Rakel, Eva Patricia, “[The Political Elite in the Islamic Republic of Iran: From Khomeini to Ahmadinejad](#),” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 29:1 (2009).

Week 6 (February 23): IN-CLASS SIMULATION and 1st Papers DUE NO LATER THAN START OF CLASS TODAY

“Message to President Khatami from President Clinton,” undated, circa June 1999, <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB318/doc02.pdf> ;

“Iranian Response to Clinton Letter, undated, circa, September 1999, <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB318/doc03.pdf> ;

Iranian Roadmap For Comprehensive Negotiations with the United States, 2003
http://media.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/documents/us_iran_roadmap.pdf;

Leverett, Hillary Mann, U.S. “Diplomacy With Iran: The Limits of Tactical Engagement,” *Statement to the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, U.S. House of Representatives*, 7 November 2007,
<https://www.hsdl.org/homesec/docs/testimony/nps37-111907-03.pdf&code=85ec99835f6130c26b6d1f290bdab367>;

President George W. Bush’s 2002 State of the Union Address to Congress (The “Axis of Evil Speech”), January 29, 2002, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/onpolitics/transcripts/sou012902.htm>;

Proposed Framework for a Long-Term Agreement Between the Islamic Republic of Iran and France, Germany, and the United Kingdom (the “EU3”), August 5, 2005,
http://www.armscontrol.org/pdf/20050805_Iran_EU3_Proposal.pdf ;

Ahmadinejad’s letter to George Bush, May 9, 2006
<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iran/2006/iran-060510-irna01.htm>;

Elements of a Revised Proposal to Iran made by the EU +3, June 6, 2006,
<http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Documents/Infcircs/2006/infcirc676.pdf> ;

The Islamic Republic of Iran’s response to the package presented June 6, 2006 (August 15, 2006) http://isis-online.org/uploads/isis-reports/documents/responsetext_2.pdf ;

The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Proposed Package for Constructive Negotiations, May 13, 2008, <http://isis-online.org/uploads/isis-reports/documents/IranProposal20May2008.pdf>;
 P5+1 Partners on New Incentives Package for Iran, June 17, 2008, <http://isis-online.org/uploads/isis-reports/documents/Diplomatic Offer 16June2008.pdf>;

Ahmadinejad letter to Obama, November 6, 2008,
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/06/AR2008110603030.html>;

Package of Proposals by the Islamic Republic of Iran for Comprehensive and Constructive Negotiation, September 9, 2009,
<http://www.propublica.org/documents/item/iran-nuclear-program-proposal> ;

Videotaped Remarks By The President In Celebration Of Nowruz, March 20, 2009, http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Videotaped-Remarks-by-The-President-in-Celebration-of-Nowruz/;

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, “Misreading Khamenei’s Approach to the United States and Iran’s Geopolitics,” *RaceForIran.com*, March 22, 2010, <http://www.raceforiran.com/misreading-khameneis-approach-to-the-united-states-and-irans-geopolitics>;

Leverett, Hillary Mann, “Pragmatists in Tehran,” *Foreign Policy*, October 2009, http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/10/28/pragmatists_in_tehran

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, “Has Iran Rejected the TRR Proposal? Not According to Its Foreign Minister,” *RaceForIran.com*, November 18, 2009, <http://www.raceforiran.com/has-iran-rejected-the-trr-proposal-not-according-to-its-foreign-minister>;

Obama’s Letter to Lula Regarding Iran Nuclear Negotiations, April 20, 2010 <http://www.politicaexterna.com/11023/brazil-iran-turkey-nuclear-negotiations-obamas-letter-to-lula>;

Tehran Nuclear Fuel Declaration by Iran, Turkey, and Brazil, May 17, 2010, http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8686728.stm;

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, “Enrichment Still the Key to Nuclear Diplomacy with Iran,” *RaceForIran.com*, August 2, 2010, <http://www.raceforiran.com/enrichment-still-the-key-to-nuclear-diplomacy-with-iran>

Second Core Issue: The Islamic Republic and the Question of Legitimacy

Week 7 (March 1): The Islamic Republic’s domestic politics.

Leverett, Flynt and Leverett, Hillary Mann, *Going to Tehran*, chapters 4-6 (PDF to be provided);

Brill, Eric, “Did Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Steal the 2009 Iran Election?” <http://www.iran2009presidentialelection.blogspot.com/>;

Ehteshami and Mahjoub, *Iran and the Rise of its Neoconservatives*, chapters 1 and 2, pgs 1-48.

Ansari, Ali “A Preliminary Analysis of the Voting Figures in Iran’s 2009 Presidential Election”, Chatham House, June 2009. (PDF to be provided)

Esfandiari, Reza, “A Rejoinder to the Chatham House Report on Iran’s 2009 Presidential Election: Offering a New Analysis on the Results”
<http://www.raceforiran.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/Iranian-election.pdf>

Week 8 (March 8): Small Group Meeting--in SIS 312

Adib-Moghaddam, *Iran in World Politics*, pp. 123-184;

Ehteshami and Zweiri *Iran and the Rise of its Neoconservatives*, chapter 3, pgs 49-72.

Layne, *The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy From 1940 to the Present*, chapter 6, pgs, 118-133;

Mearsheimer, John and Walt, Stephen, *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007), pp. 3-19 and 280-305, PDF to be provided;

Parsi, *Treacherous Alliance*, pp. 223-257 (PDF to be provided).

Wehrey, Frederic, et. al., [*The Rise of the Pasdaran: Assessing the Domestic Roles of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps*](#), (RAND, 2010), pp. 7-22 and 77-91.

Week 9 (March 22): IN-CLASS SIMULATION and 2nd Papers DUE NO LATER THAN START OF CLASS TODAY

Ehteshami and Zweiri *Iran and the Rise of its Neoconservatives*, chapter 4, pgs 73-95.

Leverett, Hillary Mann, “Ahmadinejad Won. Get Over it”, (with Flynt Leverett), *Politico*, June 15, 2009, <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0609/23745.html> ;

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

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

Leverett, Hillary Mann (with Flynt Leverett),
<http://www.raceforiran.com/misreading-iranian-politics-in-washington>;

Leverett, Hillary Mann (with Flynt Leverett), “The Green Movement is Not the Future of Iran,” <http://www.raceforiran.com/the-green-movement-is-not-the-future-of-iran>;

Leverett, Hillary Mann (with Flynt Leverett), “Agenda Driven Journalism and the Lust for Regime Change,” <http://www.raceforiran.com/agenda-driven-journalism-and-the-lust-for-%e2%80%9cregime-change%e2%80%9d-in-iran>.

Third Core Issue: The Islamic Republic and the Question of Isolation

Week 10 (March 29): The Islamic Republic and the Middle East’s balance of power—U.S. views and regional realities.

Layne, *The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy From 1940 to the Present*, chapter 7, pgs, 134-158

Crooke, Alastair, “The Shifting Sands of State Power in the Middle East,” *The Washington Quarterly* (July 2010),
http://www.twq.com/10july/docs/10jul_Crooke.pdf

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, “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>;

Parsi, Trita and Marashi, Reza, “Arab Spring Seen From Tehran: The Geopolitical Contest for the Region’s Hearts and Minds”, *Cairo Review* 2 (2011),
<http://www.aucegypt.edu/gapp/cairoreview/pages/articleDetails.aspx?aid=62> .

Week 11 (April 5): Small group meeting—in SIS 312

Lynch, Marc, *Upheaval: U.S. Policy Toward Iran in a Changing Middle East* (Center for a New American Security, 2011)
http://www.cnas.org/files/documents/publications/CNAS_Upheaval_Lynch_2.pdf ;

Marandi, Seyed Mohammad, *Tour d’horizon: An Iranian Optic on the Middle East and Its Prospects* (The Conflicts Forum 2011);
<http://conflictsforum.org/briefings/PolicyPaper-Tourd’horizon.pdf>

Week 12 (April 12): IN-CLASS SIMULATION and 3rd Papers DUE NO LATER THAN START OF CLASS TODAY

Donilon, Thomas, "[Iran and International Pressure: An Assessment of Multilateral Efforts to Impede Iran's Nuclear Program](#)", The Brookings Institution, November 22, 2011;

Leverett, Flynt and Leverett, Hillary Mann, "Tom Donilon and the Myth of 'Iran's Isolation'", [www.RaceForIran.com](http://www.raceforiran.com), November 28, 2011
<http://www.raceforiran.com/tom-donilon-and-the-myth-of-iran%e2%80%99s-%e2%80%9cisolation%e2%80%9d>;

Miller, Aaron, "For America, An Arab Winter", *The Wilson Quarterly* (Summer 2011) <http://www.wilsonquarterly.com/article.cfm?aid=1967>.

Week 13 (April 19): Recent U.S. Policy Approaches and Options

Regime Change:

Haass, Richard, "Enough is Enough," *Newsweek*, January 21, 2010
<http://www.newsweek.com/2010/01/21/enough-is-enough.html>;

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, "Richard Haass's 'Enough is Enough': Where Have We Heard That Before?" [www.RaceForIran.com](http://www.raceforiran.com) January 26, 2010
<http://www.raceforiran.com/richard-haasss-%e2%80%9cenough-is-enough%e2%80%9d-where-have-we-heard-that-before>;

Rubin, Michael, "Iran: The Case for 'Regime Change' *Commentary*, April 2010
<http://www.commentarymagazine.com/viewarticle.cfm/iran--the-case-for--regime-change--15400>.

The Grand Bargain:

Leverett, Hillary Mann (interviewed by Gwertzman, Bernard), "U.S. Should Seek Comprehensive Accord with Iran" *The New York Times* and *Council on Foreign Relations*, February 9, 2009,
http://www.nytimes.com/cfr/world/slot1_20090204.html?r=1&adxnnl=1&adxnnlx=1282795840-4FoqJoTffNrDHSkLFxdvWg;

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, "[The Grand Bargain](#)," *Washington Monthly*, August/September/October 2008

http://www.newamerica.net/publications/special/time_for_a_us_iranian_grand_bargain_14062;

Leverett, Flynt *Dealing with Tehran: Assessing U.S. Diplomatic Options Toward Iran* (The Century Foundation, 2006)
http://tcf.org/publications/internationalaffairs/leverett_diplomatic.pdf;

Freeman, Charles W., Jr., "The Process of Rapprochement: Achievements and Problems," in Gene Hsiao and Michael Witnuski (eds.) *Sino-American Normalization and Its Policy Implications* (Praeger, 1983), pp. 1-27, PDF to be provided;

Kissinger, Henry, *Diplomacy* (1994), pp. 703-732, PDF to be provided.

Military Strikes (U.S. and/or Israeli)

Goldberg, Jeffrey, "The Point of No Return," *The Atlantic*, September 2010,
<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1969/12/the-point-of-no-return/8186/>;

Gerecht, Reuel Marc, "Should Israel Bomb Iran?" *The Weekly Standard*, July 26, 2010, <http://www.weeklystandard.com/articles/should-israel-bomb-iran> ,

Leverett, Flynt and Hillary Mann, "The Weak Case for War with Iran," *Foreign Policy*, August 11, 2010
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/08/11/the_weak_case_for_war_with_iran?page=full;

Makovsky, Michael, "Meeting the Challenge: Time is Running Out," *The Bipartisan Policy Center*, September 15, 2009
<http://www.bipartisanpolicy.org/sites/default/files/BPC%20Iran%20report%20final%20pdf.pdf>.

Containment

Takeyh, Ray and Lindsay, James, "After Iran Gets the Bomb: Containment and Its Complications," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2010,
http://www.cfr.org/publication/22182/after_iran_gets_the_bomb.html ;

Kaplan, Robert, "Living With a Nuclear Iran," *The Atlantic*, September 2010,
<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2010/09/living-with-a-nuclear-iran/8193/>.

Nuclear "Solutions"

Luers, William, Pickering, Thomas R. and Walsh, Jim, "A Solution for the U.S.-Iran Nuclear Standoff," *New York Review of Books*, March 20, 2008,
<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2008/mar/20/a-solution-for-the-usiran-nuclear-standoff/>;

Forden, Geoffrey and Thomson, John, *Iran as a Pioneer Case for Multilateral Nuclear Arrangements*, Fourth Edition, May 2009;
<http://web.mit.edu/stgs/pdfs/IPCPublicationMay2009.pdf>

Sanctions:

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Week 14 (4/26): Conclusions and Lessons Learned.