

**Research Project Two: Spring 2020 – US Government / AP
United States Foreign Policy**

Final Due Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (this drop-dead date: no papers accepted after this date)

Question: On the question of U.S. foreign policy *components* your textbook is quite explicit. It presents national security, free and open trade, world peace, democratic governments, and concern for humanity as the overriding foreign policy objectives of the United States. What potential weaknesses do you see in this explanation? Do more *critical* views exist, and if so, why do you believe they are ultimately not examined by your text? In terms of a philosophical approach (realism, idealism, or a combination), which would be the best one to base our foreign policy on?

Sample Outline

(But feel free to set this essay up as you wish)

I. Introduction / Thesis Statement – a brief statement outlining your position or something relevant about this issue.

II. Body – the bulk of the paper is here, in data taken from the readings and other evidence you have found to support your position.

A. Text DPE – What are the U.S. foreign policy goals as indicated in your text? Does it suggest any “order of importance” with regard to these goals? Does it ever suggest these goals may at times conflict with one another?

B. Critical Readings DPE – What do other thinkers, scholars, activists have to say about our foreign policy. Here you should include information from as many different sources as possible, meaning books, magazine/journal articles, and websites. Data taken from any in-class documentaries we watch is good here.

C. Outside DPE – As always, any information you find on your own, from any perspective, traditional or critical, is welcomed and will increase your chances of receiving an “A” on this project.

III. Conclusion – Looking at all the data, is the rhetoric associated with describing American foreign policy in line with the reality? If not, why is this a potential problem for the U.S.?

1. Make sure to include the proper APA form of citation for your sources *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research.* Using other’s work without providing proper citation is plagiarism and grounds for immediate failure on this essay.

2. Please type all work. This will be the second chapter of your final paper and does not need to be turned in separately.

3. An “A” paper will be: a) *fully* documented and cited; b) a *minimum* of 13 pages of text (including the title page, abstract, and reference page, meaning 10 *full* pages of text analysis); c) research *beyond* the authors I provided; and d) turned in *on time* (May 26, 2020).