

Foreign Policy

What is **Foreign Policy**?

Policies made up of all the stands & actions that a nation takes with other nations of the world

Basically what a nation's government says it will do in world affairs

The United States deals in treaties, alliances, international aid, defense, foreign economic & military aid, & the UN.

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****Bedrock Principles**

The insistence of freedom has always been important to American Policy

Location on key natural resources of various places or regions is important.

Americas is “super-power” that can cause crippling effects via a sanction on a country

President has the most responsibility over foreign policy as he is commander in chief

WWI

Isolationism- A purposeful refusal to become involved in the affairs of the world

The United States used the **Monroe Doctrine** to assert its position to stay out of Europe's affairs

It would deal with South America & China

WWI pulled the U.S. into the battle field to “make the world safe for democracy”. Would still refuse to join the league of nations later

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WWII

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, The U.S. left isolationism & favored internationalism

Collective Security- The keeping of international peace & order

The United Nations was created to promote international cooperation to ease the “scourge of war”

Deterrence- Strategy of maintaining military might as a level that it will deter an attack on the country

Cold War

Period of almost 40 years when U.S. & Russia had very tense relations with some hostility

The Truman Doctrine believed in **containment**- giving economic & military aid to keep communism within its own boundaries

After poor outcomes from Korea & Vietnam wars, the country followed **détente**- “relaxation of tensions” to try & fix relations

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Today's Foreign Policy

The belief is that we live in a “global village” & the survival of the U.S. Depends on what happens in the world

We still see the idea of promoting democracy in wars fought in the middle east since the 70s