US Foreign Policy in Action. An Innovative Teaching Text. POPS - Principles of Political Science

Description: US foreign policy has shaped today's world in profound ways. US engagement in global politics has sometimes promoted order and stability, and other times challenged principles of multilateral cooperation. We might not have agreed with White House reasoning on foreign affairs over the decades, but would we have behaved differently had we held the levers of power? This innovative teaching text views the US foreign policy decisionmaking process through the lens of political debate and exchange. As well as being a sound introduction to the historical developments and theories of US foreign policy, it provides students with creative learning exercises that engage them in the cut-and-thrust politics of foreign policy process, and offers experiential lessons in the complexities of international relations.

The book is designed to bring the politics of foreign policy to life by encouraging critical reflection of contending perspectives in political debates, detailing relevant historical information, and providing analytical exercises in resolving foreign policy dilemmas. In addition to a detailed narrative, chapters include discussion questions and lists of additional resources. They also feature in-text references to the companion website, with many online resources, information about teaching and learning with technology and film, and an appendix to the book.

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