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U.S. foreign policy has shaped today's world in profound ways. We might not agree with White House reasoning over the decades, but would we have behaved differently had we held the levers of power? This innovative teaching text views the U.S. foreign policy decision-making process through the lens of political debate and exchange. As well as being a sound introduction to the historical developments and theories of U.S. foreign policy, it provides students with creative learning exercises that engage them in the cut-and-thrust politics of foreign policy process and provides them with an experiential lesson 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 exercise in resolving foreign policy dilemmas. In addition to a detailed narrative, all chapters include discussion questions, document templates, worksheets, suggested readings, and web resources for easy implementation of the exercises.

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