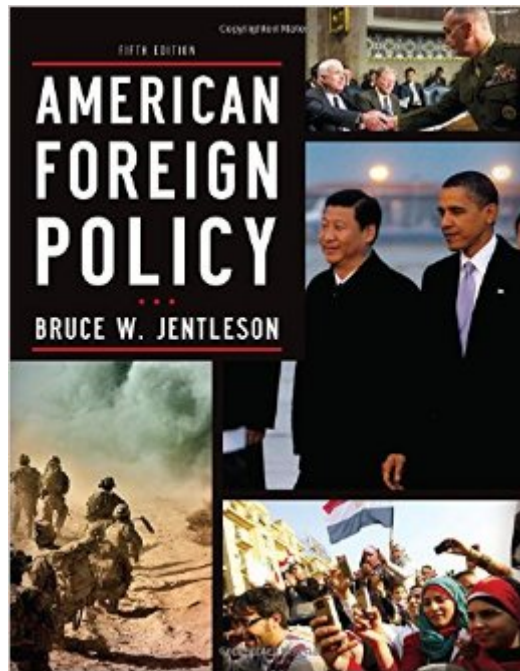


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Being a professor in I.R. with classes on US foreign policy I am always on the lookout for any new books on this subjects. I came accross this book last year and have been using it ever since for my classes on the subject. This new book is very good in outlining the major goals that US foreign policy has followed. The author uses an interesting approach that he called the 4 P's, which stand for Power, Peace, Prosperity & Principle. Accoding to him all of US foreing policy can be analysed using these 4 guidelines. However, the 4 P's are usually never simultaneouly achievable in a single foreign policy decision, and hence, some usually have to be sacrificed or traded off for others. This means that foreign policy usually has to be prioritized, since it is highly unlikely that even a superpower like the USA can usually realize all of the 4 P's in a single decision. Hence, the subtitle

of the book is called the Dynamics of Choice... Principle, by the way, stands for morals or morality in foreign policy. This method is clearly a good one, for it gives the students a new solid perspective when it comes to analyzing any of the foreign policy decisions that the USA has taken in the past. The book also provides a lot of examples that are both very relevant and vivid when explaining many things to the students and readers. It is up to date, and includes new material and debates, so that, if willing, both the students and the professors can engage in debates. The only negative thing that I found to be really surprising was the fact that this new 3rd edition is actually a lot shorter than my 2nd edition. Why the publishing company did this, is anybody's guess. For my part I'm just glad that I bought the 2nd edition and not the shorter 3rd new edition. If you have the chance I'd urge you to buy the longer 2nd edition. Along with "American Foreign Policy" by Eugene Wittkopf and Charles Kegley this is the best book that I've found on US foreign policy.

I enjoyed the fact that we can learn foreign policy fundamentals from an expert whose writing style flows like a novelist, instead of the dry old textbook form assigned to so many courses. His son Adam is also in possession of a progressive yet historically rooted mind :). Great book.

This book is a textbook for the class by the same name. Although written by the instructor for the course I found the book to be excellent. It is very readable, and well researched. Prof. Jentleson's experience in this field has contributed greatly to this book. His knowledge and understanding of foreign policy makes this book a must for anyone taking his course through Coursera. During the course videos he has only a limited amount of time to teach; but this book extends the material in the videos to give the reader a better understanding of the material. And, of course, the course is designed around the textbook, however, the one only supports the other. Bon Appetite!!

A great textbook. If I were still teaching international relations courses, I would use this book. The videos he has posted in conjunction with his online class touch upon, but do not have the depth, this book contains.

I have several older versions as well but Jentleson's updates are worth the newer version. There sidebars of information are really informative and give nice insights and the online connections to read and do more are worth the time and trouble. Well laid out for easy on the eyes reading and easy to highlight and mark. A keeper for my library

If you want to learn about American Foreign Policy, this is the book. It easy to read, it has great examples and helps you to understand the realities of policy and national security.

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