National Security Policy (DIP 600)

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**Introduction**

Welcome to DIP 600, National Security.  The goal of this course is to provide students with a foundation in the major debates on national security policy.  In the first third of the course we will study some of the great works on national security, as well as commentaries on those works.  The second third of the course focuses on contemporary policy debates in the United States on grand strategy and national security.  The final third examines the policy process and focuses on specific national security problems facing the United States.

**Format**

Discussion will take up the bulk of class time.  I expect everyone to attend, have studied the readings, and have a familiarity with current events.  Any major reputable newspaper will suffice for the latter, although I prefer the New York Times.

**Grading**

Grading will be based on class participation (20%), class blog participation (10%), three 4-6 page memos (15% each), and one final examination (25%).

Every student is required to post at least once to the class blog, [nationalsecuritypolicy.blogspot.com](http://nationalsecuritypolicy.blogspot.com/), in each of five weeks during the course of the semester.  The idea of the blog is to promote serious discussions of the readings and of current events tied to national security. I will monitor blog postings and assign a grade based on quantity and quality of participation. Postings should integrate specific material from class readings and extend class debates.

Each of the three 4-6 page memos must be typed and double-spaced.  Please do not exceed the page limit.  The point of the assignment is to present information in a cogent and concise manner.  The topic is up to you, but ideally will concern the convergence of a current event or situation with assigned reading from the class day in question.  Memos are due at the beginning of class on the day of the relevant reading.  You will be expected to turn in one memo during each third of the course.  Thus, the last day for turning in your first memo is October 5, and the first day for turning in your last memo is November 16.  The memos will be evaluated on both content and presentation.  Information must be accurate, arguments must be well thought out, and style must be compelling.

You will be required to make an oral presentation and defense of one of your three memos during class.  Note that this means you will have to write and turn in a memo on the day of your defense.  The strength of your presentation and defense will contribute to your participation grade.  You must indicate to me a preference for which week to present by the second week of the course so that I can stagger the presentations.  The presentation should last about fifteen minutes, and will be followed by a fifteen minute question and answer period.  The presentation will make up 50% of your participation grade, or 10% of the total grade.

A comprehensive final exam will be held on Monday, December 14 at 3:30pm.  The exam will be communicated and completed electronically; thus, there is no need for you to be in Lexington on that date.  The exam will mimic in structure a minor field comprehensive exam. Yes, second year students ARE required to take the exam.

**Class Materials**

Purchase of the following books is recommended, but not required. These texts are best acquired through Amazon or similar service.

* Dan Drezner ed. Avoiding Trivia. Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2009.
* Thomas Schelling, Arms and Influence.  New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966.

Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Friends and Foes: How Congress and the President Really Make Foreign Policy, Washington, DC: Brookings, June 2000.

Thomas Ricks, The Gamble. New York: Penguin, 2009.

The rest of the class readings are available online.  Note that many of the online readings are available on JSTOR or other secure databases, which requires either a University computer or a properly configured connection.

**Week 1 (8/31):  Values and the National Interest**

[Arnold Wolfers, National Security as an Ambiguous Symbol](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3195%28195212%2967%3A4%3C481%3A%22SAAAS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-R) Political Science Quarterly, 67, 4 (Dec., 1952), pp. 481-502

[David Brin, Thor meets Captain America](http://www.davidbrin.com/thor1.html)

**Week 2 (9/14):  The Documents**

[National Security Strategy of the United States- 2006](http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/nss.pdf)

[George Washington’s Farewell Address](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp)

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Farewell Address](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/dwightdeisenhowerfarewell.html)

[George Kennan, The Sources of Soviet Conduct](http://www.historyguide.org/Europe/kennan.html)

[NSC-68](http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nsc-hst/nsc-68.htm)

**Week 3 (9/21):  Coercion, Strategy, and the Use of Force**

### Thomas Schelling, Arms and Influence.  New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966.

**Week 4 (9/28):  The Strategic Planning Policy Process**

Dan Drezner, Avoiding Trivia (entire)

**Week 5 (10/5):  Visions of National Security**

[William Kristol and Robert Kagan, “Towards a Neo-Reaganite Foreign Policy](http://www.carnegieendowment.org/publications/index.cfm?fa=view&id=276),” Foreign Affairs v.75, no. 4, July/August 1996

[Philip Gordon, “End of the Bush Revolution,” Foreign Affairs 85,4 (July/August 2006)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20060701faessay85406/philip-h-gordon/the-end-of-the-bush-revolution.html)

[Christopher Layne, “From Preponderance to Offshore Balancing: America’s Future Grand Strategy” International Security  Vol. 22, No. 1 (Summer, 1997), pp. 86-124](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199722%2922%3A1%3C86%3AFPTOBA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P)

[Joseph S. Nye,”The Decline of America’s Soft Power,” Foreign Affairs 83/3 (May/June 2004).](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20040501facomment83303/joseph-s-nye-jr/the-decline-of-america-s-soft-power.html)

**Final week to turn in first memo assignment.**

**Week 6 (10/12): Great Power Conflict**

G. John Ikenberry, [The Rise of China and the Future of the West](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080101faessay87102/g-john-ikenberry/the-rise-of-china-and-the-future-of-the-west.html)

[Robert Levgold, The Russia File](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65154/robert-legvold/the-russia-file)

[Robert Kaplan, Centerstage for the 21st Century](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/64832/robert-d-kaplan/center-stage-for-the-21st-century)

[C. Raja Mohan, India and the Balance of Power](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/61729/c-raja-mohan/india-and-the-balance-of-power)

[Kent E. Calder, China and Japan’s Simmering Rivalry](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/regions/Asia/Northeast%20Asia/Japan)

**Week 7 (10/19): Terrorism**

[Barry Posen, “The Struggle Against Terrorism: Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics”, International Security 26/3(December 2001), p. 39-55.](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v026/26.3posen.html)

[Norman Podhoretz, “World War IV: How It Started, What It Means, and Why We Have to Win”, Commentary, Spring 2004, 17-54.](http://www.commentarymagazine.com/viewarticle.cfm/world-war-iv--how-it-started--what-it-means---and-why-we-have-to-win-9785)

[White House, *National Strategy for Combating Terrorism*, Washington, DC: The White House, February 2003](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/02/20030214-7.html).

[US Counter-terrorism Options: A Taxonomy, Daniel Byman, Survival](http://www.informaworld.com/openurl?genre=article&issn=0039%2d6338&volume=49&issue=3&spage=121)

[Michael Krepon, The Mushroom Cloud that Wasn’t](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/64995/michael-krepon/the-mushroom-cloud-that-wasnt)

[Robert Trager and Dessislava Zagorcheva, “Deterring Terrorism: It Can be Done,” International Security 30,3 (Winter 2005) p.87-123.](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v030/30.3trager.html)

**Week 8 (10/26): Primacy**

[Stephen G. Brooks and William Wohlforth, “American Primacy in Perspective”, Foreign Affairs 81/4 (July/August 2002).](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20020701faessay8517/stephen-g-brooks-william-c-wohlforth/american-primacy-in-perspective.html)

Fareed Zakaria,[The](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501facomment87303/fareed-zakaria/the-future-of-american-power.html)

Future of American Power

[[[The Age of Nonpolarity](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501faessay87304/richard-n-haass/the-age-of-nonpolarity.html) Richard N. Haass, Foreign Affairs](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501facomment87303/fareed-zakaria/the-future-of-american-power.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501facomment87303/fareed-zakaria/the-future-of-american-power.html)

[[[Minxin Pei, Think Again: Asia’s Rise](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/06/22/think_again_asias_rise)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501faessay87304/richard-n-haass/the-age-of-nonpolarity.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501facomment87303/fareed-zakaria/the-future-of-american-power.html)

**Week 9 (11/2): The Allies**

[[[Philip Gordon, “Bridging the Atlantic Divide”, Foreign Affairs 82/1(January/February 2003), pp. 70-83.](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20030101faessay10223/philip-h-gordon/bridging-the-atlantic-divide.html)](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/06/22/think_again_asias_rise)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20080501faessay87304/richard-n-haass/the-age-of-nonpolarity.html)

[[[William Drozdiak, “The North Atlantic Drift”, Foreign Affairs 84/1 (January/February 2005).](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20050101faessay84108/william-drozdiak/the-north-atlantic-drift.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20030101faessay10223/philip-h-gordon/bridging-the-atlantic-divide.html)](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/06/22/think_again_asias_rise)

[[[Lawrence Freedman, “The Special Relationship, Then and Now” Foreign Affairs 85,3 (May/June 2006)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20060501faessay85304/lawrence-d-freedman/the-special-relationship-then-and-now.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20050101faessay84108/william-drozdiak/the-north-atlantic-drift.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20030101faessay10223/philip-h-gordon/bridging-the-atlantic-divide.html)

[[[Ryan C. Hendrickson, The Miscalculation of NATO’s Death](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07spring/hendrick.htm)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20060501faessay85304/lawrence-d-freedman/the-special-relationship-then-and-now.html)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20050101faessay84108/william-drozdiak/the-north-atlantic-drift.html)

**Week 10 (11/9): Iraq and Afghanistan**

[[[Ali Al Jalali, Winning in Afghanistan](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/09spring/jalali.pdf)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07spring/hendrick.htm)](http://fullaccess.foreignaffairs.org/20060501faessay85304/lawrence-d-freedman/the-special-relationship-then-and-now.html)

[[[Fotini Christia and Michael Semple, Flipping the Taliban](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65151/fotini-christia-and-michael-semple/flipping-the-taliban)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/09spring/jalali.pdf)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07spring/hendrick.htm)

Tom Ricks, The Gamble

[**Final**](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/09spring/jalali.pdf) **week to turn in second memo assignment.**

**Week 11 (11/16): Architecture of the National Security State**

[[[Ashton B. Carter, “The Architecture of Government in the Face of Terrorism”, International Security 26/3(December 2001), pp. 5-24.](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v026/26.3carter.html)](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65151/fotini-christia-and-michael-semple/flipping-the-taliban)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/09spring/jalali.pdf)

[[[Graham Allison, Conceptual Models and Cuban Missile Crisis The American Political Science Review  Vol. 63, No. 3 (Sep., 1969), pp. 689-718](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28196909%2963%3A3%3C689%3ACMATCM%3E2.0.CO%3B2-%23)](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v026/26.3carter.html)](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65151/fotini-christia-and-michael-semple/flipping-the-taliban)

[[[David Jablonsky, “The State of the National Security State”, Parameters 32/4(Winter 2002-2003), pp. 4-20.](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/02winter/jablonsk.htm)](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28196909%2963%3A3%3C689%3ACMATCM%3E2.0.CO%3B2-%23)](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v026/26.3carter.html)

[[[Alan G. Whittaker, Frederick C. Smith and Amb. Elizabeth McKune, “The National Security Policy Process: The National Security Council and Interagency System,” Washington, DC: National Defense University, ICAF, August 2005](http://ndu.edu/icaf/NSC_Report_2007_FINAL-20_April.pdf)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/02winter/jablonsk.htm)](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28196909%2963%3A3%3C689%3ACMATCM%3E2.0.CO%3B2-%23)

**Week 12 (11/23):  President and Congress**

Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Friends and Foes: How Congress and the President Really Make Foreign Policy, Washington, DC: Brookings, June 2000

**Week 13 (11/30): Strategic Communication**

[[[Chaim Kaufmann, "Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas: The Selling of the Iraq War," *International Security*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Summer 2004), pp. 5-48.](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v029/29.1kaufmann.html)](http://ndu.edu/icaf/NSC_Report_2007_FINAL-20_April.pdf)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/02winter/jablonsk.htm)

[[[“Retiring Hitler and “Appeasement” from the National Security Debate”, Jeffrey Record](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/08summer/record.htm)](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v029/29.1kaufmann.html)](http://ndu.edu/icaf/NSC_Report_2007_FINAL-20_April.pdf)

[[[“Strategic Communication”, Richard Halloran](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/halloran.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/08summer/record.htm)](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v029/29.1kaufmann.html)

[[[“Propaganda: Can a Word Decide a War?”, Dennis M. Murphy and James F. White](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/murphy.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/halloran.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/08summer/record.htm)

**Week 14 (12/7): Public Opinion**

[[[John Mueller, “The Iraq Syndrome,” Foreign Affairs 84, 6 (November/December 2005)](http://www.uky.edu/AS/PoliSci/Peffley/473%20Mueller%202005%20The%20Iraq%20Syndrome.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/murphy.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/halloran.htm)

[[[Dan Drezner, The Realist Tradition in American Public Opinion](http://www.danieldrezner.com/research/realist_tradition.pdf)](http://www.uky.edu/AS/PoliSci/Peffley/473%20Mueller%202005%20The%20Iraq%20Syndrome.htm)](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/07autumn/murphy.htm)

[[J[ames Fallows, Why Americans Hate the Media](http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/199602/americans-media)](http://www.danieldrezner.com/research/realist_tradition.pdf)](http://www.uky.edu/AS/PoliSci/Peffley/473%20Mueller%202005%20The%20Iraq%20Syndrome.htm)

[**Final week to turn in final memo assignment.**](http://www.danieldrezner.com/research/realist_tradition.pdf)