The New Foreign Policy

U.S. and Comparative Foreign Policy in the 21st Century

Laura Neack

ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD PUBLISHERS, INC.
Lanham • Boulder • New York • Oxford
Contents

List of Illustrations xi  
Preface xiii  

1 Introduction: A New Approach to Foreign Policy 1  
   In This Chapter 1  
   A Tangled Tale of Tibet 1  
   The New Foreign Policy 8  
   Selecting Entrance Points: Levels of Analysis 11  
   Worldviews and Theories 14  
      Realism 19  
      Liberalism 20  
      Marxism 21  
   Time to Back Up and Consider the Subject: Foreign Policy 25  
   The Bridge between International and Comparative Politics 26  
   A New Millennium 32  
   A Road Map of The New Foreign Policy 33  
   Review: Important Observations about Foreign Policy 34  
   For Further Study 34  

2 The Individual Level of Analysis: Leaders, Rational Choices, Cognition, and Morality 37  
   In This Chapter 37  
   On the Definition of “Leaders” 42  
   Rational Choice 44  
   Rationality, Deterrence, Game Theory, and “Irrationality” 51  
   Cognition: A Different View of Rationality 55  
   Belief Sets, Images, and Cognitive Structure 58  
   Moral Positions and Value Stands: A Departure 66  
      Can We and How Might We Study Morals and Values? 67  
      Leaders Who Put Broader Principles before National Interests 68
Review

Some Key Ideas from This Chapter
For Further Study

3 The State Level of Analysis: National Culture, Institutions, Domestic Politics, and Society

In This Chapter
National Self-Image
Culture and Institutions of Governance
Culture, Institutions, and the Democratic Peace
Domestic Political Opposition
Russia as Illustration
A Model of the Forces at Play
The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict as Illustration
Partisan Politics and Intragovernmental Divisions
Public Opinion
In Nondemocratic Systems
In Democratic Systems
Interest Groups
Media
Review
Some Key Ideas from This Chapter
For Further Study

4 The System Level of Analysis: Power, Position, and Foreign Policy Behavior

In This Chapter
Position, Power, and Foreign Policy
The Elusive Concept of Power
Who Gets to Be a Great Power?
Great Powers
The Unique Case of the United States
American Foreign Policy under George W. Bush
A Cautionary Word on American Foreign Policy in the Twenty-first Century
Secondary Powers
Small Powers
A Complex, Multilevel Game: The Case of the Middle Powers
Constructivism: An Alternative Lens
"Middle Power" as a Constructed Role
The Case of Australia
Does Constructivism Help Us Understand Middle Power Diplomacy?
Contents

Review 181
  Some Key Ideas from This Chapter 181
  For Further Study 182

5 Conclusion: A Nested Game with Many Players 185
  In This Chapter 185
  A Tangled Tale of Pinochet 185
  Between Domestic and International Politics in an Era of Globalization 192
  Nonstate Actors on the Rise 197
    Global Rage 200
  Concluding Thoughts 203

Notes 207
Glossary 225
Index 231
About the Author 243