National Security & Grand Strategy Paper Topics

1. Israel obtaining nuclear weapons in the 1950s supports the argument for offensive realism (Neorealism). Do you agree?

2. War has been about concentration—the massing in space and time of armed forces on the battlefield. The regional security landscape of the Middle East and the nature of conflicts are changed with the rise of asymmetric threats. Explain how these threats challenge the security strategy of the US and Israel.

3. How does NSS2002 help or hinder American strategy?

4. Arguably, the Begin Doctrine has made Israel more secure. Is this security doctrine still relevant for the 21st Century?

5. How has the concept of collective security challenged and changed the strategies of the US and Israel?

6. Nuclear weapons during the Cold War proved to be a deterrent. Nowadays, can the same idea be applied to a nuclear Middle East?

7. How does the issues for negotiating peace between Israel and the Palestinians pose a security risk?

8. Is security possible in the Age of Terror?

10. What is Israel's Grand Strategy?

11. National Security for Israel is more than defensible borders. How does economic and technological success advance security for Israel?

12.Cyber-threats has increased against the USA in the past ten years. How does this effect American strategy and security?

13. The changing of the political landscape in the Middle East presents a once-in-alifetime opportunity for Israel. What is this change and opportunity?

14. For nearly 20 years a 'low-grade' conflict has existed between Israel and Hamas. How has it influenced Israeli strategy towards the Palestinians?

15. Internal variables such as elections can, and often influence national security policy. What are the positive and potentially negative results from such influence?

Directions:

Write a 4-8 page analysis paper on the topic agreed by the instructor in 12 point-Times New Roman font. 1.5 spacing. Bibliography is APA style. Cover page and bibliography DO NOT count as pages.

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