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**Midterm Review Sheet for United States Foreign Policy**  
**Date of Exam: Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 8-9:30 am**

**PLEASE BRING TWO SHEETS OF BLANK PAPER & A PEN**

Terms, Identifications & Summary Answers: To be prepared, you should be comfortable writing a few sentences for each of the following terms. For “larger concepts,” you should be comfortable writing one to two paragraphs (for example when defining the “Unitary Executive” thesis or Wildavsky’s “Two Presidencies” thesis):

- 1) Exceptionalism, Unilateralism
- 2) Moralism, Isolationism, Pragmatism
- 3) Typologies of Democracies
- 4) “Ideological Democracy”
- 5) The Westphalian System
- 6) Element of National Power (NP)
- 7) American Hegemony & Manifest Destiny
- 8) Definition of Grand Strategy
- 9) Dimensions of Grand Strategy
- 10) “Strategic Diplomacy”
- 11) US as Emerging Power in 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- 12) Early Cold War Period of USFP
- 13) Truman Doctrine
- 14) Containment & its Developments From JFK to Bush I
- 15) Post-Cold War & Containment
- 16) Liberalism, Realism, & Critical Approaches to Study of IR & USFP
- 17) John Mearsheimer & Neo-Realism
- 18) Francis Fukuyama & Pre-Emption
- 19) Tools of Statecraft & Policy Avenues of Statecraft
- 20) Posen & Ross on 4 Grand Strategies in US History
- 21) Relationship Among Geopolitics, Nat’l Interests, & Geography
- 22) Importance of MacKinder on the above
- 23) Role & Relevance of IR Theory for USFP
- 24) “Soft Power” vs “Hard Power”
- 25) Mazaar’s “Bushian Triangle”
- 26) George Kennan on Containment
- 27) Components of Containment, 1947-1987
- 28) Was Containment a Success or Not?
- 29) Key Actors of USFP – Include the
- 30) Slide on “Challenges to Nation Bldg”
- 31) Criticisms of “Nation Bldg”
- 32) Key Actors of USFP
- 33) Structure of DoD & IC
- 34) Congressional Oversight & USFP
- 35) NSC Structure
- 36) The “Unitary Executive” Thesis
- 37) Wildavsky’s “Two Presidencies” Thesis
- 38) Differences between “Declared” & “Undeclared” wars
- 39) Article I, Section 2, US Constitution
- 40) Article I, Section 8, US Constitution
- 41) Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
- 42) “Justiciability” in Wartime
- 43) WPR & its components, requirements
- 44) Presidential Prerogative Power
- 45) AUMF, Public Law 107-40
- 46) Constitutional Roles of US President affecting USFP
- 47) Limits on Presidential power
- 48) The “Imperial Presidency” thesis
- 49) Constitutional issues related to the treatment, detention, & trials for Guantanamo Bay suspects
- 50) *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (2004)
- 51) Regime Change, Assassinations, & Use
- 52) “Bellicism”
- 53) “Operational Bombing Doctrine”
- 54) Spectrum of Political Violence & Typologies of Violence
- 55) Use of Force & Tracks of Diplomacy
- 56) Obsolescence of War
- 57) War Initiators & Factors, Interventions
- 58) Public Opinion in Conflict, War
- 59) Congressional Influence in USFP
- 60) Framing Effects on US Opinion

Short Essays: Several of the short essay questions below will appear on the midterm and you will be asked to answer ONE OR TWO of them. Be sure to answer the questions in a short essay of several paragraphs. Be sure to address each aspect of the question.

- 1) According to Wildavsky, what is the “Two Presidencies” thesis? Do you believe his argument? Is it relevant to today’s politics of the American presidency? Why or why not? How has the “Two Presidencies” thesis changed?
- 2) According to our early lectures and readings, what are the dimensions and roots of USFP? What principles and what paradigms are central or important to understanding the conduct & development of USFP?
- 3) In thinking about Presidential decisions to use military force, should that decision be made by a deliberative democratic body like Congress, or a unitary, decisive individual like the president? Is deliberation always preferable to democracy? Is democracy always preferable to deliberation? Under what circumstances should the decision to go to war be solely in the president’s hands?
- 4) How broad is the President’s defensive war power? How does this exercise of power (this tension over war-making) affect our knowledge of “presidential failure” in the case of USFP?
- 5) Why has a shift occurred from Congressional to Presidential Preeminence in War Powers? Describe post-WPR Presidential Behavior. How has this behavior affected our understanding of crises, governance, & political leadership? How have changes in Congressional-Presidential relations affected the conduct of USFP?