

# The Lobby

U.S. Foreign Policy and an Interest Group

# Influence?

- Foreign aid
  - \$3 billion to Israel
- Democracy promotion
  - Support of Iraq war
  - Anti-Iranian nuclear deal
- Peace process
  - inflamed Arab and Islamic opinion
  - jeopardized U.S. security



# Balance?

- Debate within academia
  - observe employment and prior published work
- Arguments supported by ideological preference
  - neoClassical realism
  - Zakaria (1998: 42) “principal actors and their perceptions are crucial.”

# Real-time

- Paper from 2006.
- Book published in 2007.
- Sources from early 2000s or prior
- Discussion on regional events since 2011



# A real lobby?

Is argument sustainable when compared

