

MVZn5009 The Politics of Decision-making: American Presidents, Israeli Prime
Ministers, and crisis
Final Exam Questions

1. Security zones have been an essential policy for Israel in Lebanon. In 1982 and in 2000 it was necessary for the decision to be made to create and later to leave. Were those decisions mistakes?
2. Name one Winograd Commission's conclusions about the Second Lebanese war that has been put into practice by Israeli politicians and military since 2007.
3. How were the goals of the Second Intifada different from the First Intifada?
4. What were the political-security reasons for leaving Gaza and building the security fence?
5. The 'two-state' solution based in part on the roadmap to peace has kept Oslo alive. But, in reality, what are, if any, benefits of keeping Oslo on 'life-support'?
6. Explain why the negotiations at Camp David in 2000 failed.
7. In your opinion did the financial package from the United States to Israel in 1985 make Israel more or less indebted politically to American presidents (administrations)?
8. From 2020 until 2022, Israel has undergone five elections. How has this been both good and bad for Israel?
9. In your opinion, has the Abraham Accords made the case for the Palestinians (statehood and conditions for peace) irrelevant?
10. How important is political ideology to creating and alternating national security strategy?