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Nationalism and Comparative Political Culture Poli-Sci-148

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Iran is a country of approximately sixty million people, a number all most twice that of all the other Persian Gulf countries put together. Sharing a 1,600 mile border with the countries of the former Soviet Union in the north and fronting the important and the Straits of Hormuz to the south which is one of the most the strategic places in the world because the oil which flows from this region makes our industrial civilization possible! Iran is a very strategic country of immense importance because it controls ten percent of the world's oil supply which is about 65 billion barrels. Iran also contains the second largest supplies of natural gas in the world!

To avoid experiencing another form of "Blowback" it is important for the student to understand the twelve point policy lessons of one the foremost experts in the US on Iranian politics, who is also fluent in Farsi-
Professor James S. Bill.

- Any unquestioned, dominate policy premise in Washington should be treated with skepticism and subjected to careful and continual questioning.
- The Influence of private interests that seek to promote a particular foreign policy must be exposed and controlled.
- Important foreign-policy decisions should not be made primarily on the basis of domestic political exigencies.
- In a world of multiple crises, US policymakers must beware of focusing all attention one or another issue at the expense of other more volatile and strategically more costly crises.

- American policymakers must focus more attention on the deepening class conflict and vibrant new forms of religion that energize the Middle East and Africa.
- The US must resist the early resort to military force to administer to crises born of political and economic causes born of political and economic causes.
- The US foreign policy related organizations must institutionalize an emphasis on language and area studies.
- US diplomats must become conversant with all levels and sectors of society.
- The flawed official understanding of the Third World can be improved by seriously consulting the available in non-governmental sources.
- Us foreign policy making must increase its emphasis on long-range analysis and institutionalize a planning process that seriously combines NGO's and religious forces.

REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS

Harper	History of Iran
Azimi,	Quest for Democracy In Iran
Majid,	Ayatollah Begs to Differ
Mohgadam,	Iran In World Politics
Ingram,	Iran's Long Reach

Course Requirements and Exams

Students are required to have read the assigned reading before they come to class. Every class begins with a 10 minute "question time" based on current issues that affect Iranian US relations. Every student must ask a question or make a statement about the required reading. This about the reading present a political issue for the class to discuss during question time based on the reading or and contemporary news events.

GRADES:

GRADES BASED FIVE CRITICAL REVIEW ESSAYS EACH ESSAY MUST INCLUDE A SECTION ABOUT OUR GREATER KNOWLEDGE CAN LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE US AND IRAN.

ESSAY IS WORTH TWENTY POINTS

THE FINAL 5-7 ESSAY SHOULD ADDRESS WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD GO TO WAR TO PREVENT IRAN FROM BUILDING A NUCLEAR WEAPON.

SPECIAL NEEDS

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