

MVZ247

# ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY

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# AIMS AND GOALS

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- ✗ Israeli foreign policy is chiefly influenced by Israel's strategic situation, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the rejection of Israel by most of the Arab states.
- ✗ The goals of Israeli policy are therefore to overcome diplomatic isolation and to achieve recognition and friendly relations with as many nations as possible, both in the Middle East and beyond.
- ✗ Israel has simultaneously practiced open and secret diplomacy to further its main national goals.

# THREE DISTINCT PILLARS

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- × The U.S.
- × Arab neighbors
  - + Treaty allies
  - + Enemies
  - + Palestinians
- × Europe
  - + Bilateral
  - + The EU

# Weekly theme outline

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Week 1: The dream (Zionism)

Week 2: The 'scrappy' audacity of victory (1945-49)

Week 3: Old friends and enemies (1950s-1960s)

Week 4: Greater Israel (The Six Day War of 1967)

Week 5: 'War, oil, and peace' (1970s)

Week 6: 'The Revolution' of Likud and Revisionist Zionism

Week 7: Israel and the EU

Week 8: Israel and the PLO

Week 9: Making peace Hard (Oslo)

Week 10: Israel and the USA

Week 11: 'Finding new friends in troubled times' (post-2010)

Week 12: Israel 2050

Week 13: Conclusion

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# Exams

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Study Guide will be provided in advance

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Paper assignment due final date of class at time  
of class.