

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

