

**US Foreign Policy After the Cold War, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**  
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**Essay Questions**

1. The US is “the indispensable nation”. Discuss
2. Describe the main stages in the rise of the US to become a superpower
3. What is the “Vietnam Syndrome” and how has it affected US security policy?
4. How have American presidents coped with national security issues after the end of the Cold War?
5. Assess the foreign policy record of either George Bush senior or Bill Clinton.
6. How radical a break with US foreign policy traditions was the first George W Bush administration?
7. Assess the impact of the Iraq war on US foreign policy.
8. Compare and contrast the roles of the State Department and the National Security Council.
9. How does Congress influence foreign policy?
10. Examine the role and influence of lobbies on US foreign policy.
11. Do the media and public opinion influence US foreign policy?
12. How does the US trade and budget deficit impact on US foreign policy?
13. Assess the impact of 9/11 on US national security?
14. America is obsessed with terrorism and rogue states. Discuss.
15. Unlike Europe, the US has no interest in working through international organisations. Discuss.
16. How does the Pentagon influence US foreign policy?
17. What are the main theories impacting on US foreign policy?
18. The US aim of bringing democracy to the Middle East is unrealistic. Discuss.
19. Are there significant party differences concerning foreign policy?
20. How will energy impact on US foreign policy?