

THE ROLE OF FOREIGN POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Abstract

This research paper examines the role of foreign policy in international relations. Since the 1990s, foreign policy has started facing challenges of constant redefining its places of responsibilities. It is well known that domestic politics is simply an essential part of the explanation for states' foreign policies, and it searches to understand its impact in international relations. Mainly, foreign policy analysis based upon the argument that all decisions between nations are taken by single or group decision makers. External and domestic factors have affected foreign policy` decisions. World leaders make decisions to go to war, make peace, create atmosphere for diplomatic relations, impose economic sanctions etc. It is important to note that this research adapts quantitative and content analyses. However, some data concerning of export-import and foreign aid is quantitative in nature. Firstly, this study begins using a historical narrative in order to establish a clear and meaningful theoretical approach for foreign policy. Secondly, the study explores the tools of foreign policy and their contributions to the decision making process in international arena. This includes economic developments and foreign aid, export-import regimes as well as cultural relationships with countries. During the whole research and after the completion of the research, the researcher should abide by the ethical code of The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The SPSS 20 and the Nvivo10 were used to find and analyze the collected data. Finally, the paper concludes its findings and results with discussions and further suggestions.

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