

# American Foreign Policy: Processes and Outcomes

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The Foreign Policy Happenings (FPH) Briefs

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Throughout the semester, several events will take place in the world that have an impact on US foreign policies. One important skill is to be able to take a news story and draw implications for future US actions from it. This is the primary purpose of this assignment.

On the course website, there is a link titled “Policy Index” (Figure 1) which will take you to a listing of all FPH briefs already submitted (Figure 2). Clicking on the appropriate link (circled in red in Figure 2) will take you to the submission page (Figure 3).

Policy Index

**Figure 1:** The Policy Index button.

here.' The list includes: 'British Jets Intercept Russian Bomber Over North Atlantic' [August 22, 2007] and 'Taiwan Defies U.S., Seeks U.N. Membership Under Debated Name' [August 22, 2007]. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: Introduction, Documents, Calendar, Policy Index, Lectures, and References. The 'Policy Index' link is highlighted in orange. At the bottom, there is contact information for Ole J. Forsberg, Ph.D., including phone, fax, and email addresses, and a note about W3C standards and accessibility."/>

**Foreign Policy Happenings Brief Index**

Below is a list of world events and their impacts on the United States. To read the briefs, click on the blue arrow to the left of the student's name. Students who need to create their own policy brief, should click [here](#).

**Listing**

	British Jets Intercept Russian Bomber Over North Atlantic	[August 22, 2007]	
	Taiwan Defies U.S., Seeks U.N. Membership Under Debated Name	[August 22, 2007]	

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**Figure 2:** Screenshot of the FPH Brief Index page.

On that page, you need to submit a title, a brief description of the event, the implications of the event for the United States, the location of the event, and the link to the relevant newspaper article. Your submission will be immediately posted to the web site, albeit (for your personal privacy) without your email or name. I will, however, have access to that information.

Please make sure that you are happy with your submission *before* you click on the “Submit Brief” button at the bottom. Once you click on that button, your brief is submitted, warts and all. Be especially aware of the hyperlink to the original article. Cutting and pasting the address is the best way to ensure that you provide a good link; however, make sure that the address you submit only starts with one ‘http://’.

You need to post five FPH briefs on the online form during this semester. The five due dates are **September 10**, **September 26**, **October 5**, **November 5**, and **November 14**. If you so desire, you may post before those dates. However, do not post all five at once; you will not have a good grounding in the theories of foreign policy early in the course.

The screenshot shows the 'American Foreign Policy' website header with the name 'Ole J. Forsberg, Ph.D.' in the top right. On the left is a navigation menu with links for Introduction, Documents, Calendar, Policy Index (highlighted), Lectures, and References. The main content area is titled 'Foreign Policy Happenings Brief' and includes a brief instruction: 'Please fill in the following form to submit your happenings brief. Once you click submit, you will not be able to change anything in your brief. As such, you may wish to write your brief on your favorite word processor and 'copy and paste' onto this form. All items are required.' The form fields are: 'Happenings title:' (text box), 'Brief description of the event:' (text box), 'Implications for the United States:' (text box), 'Location of event:' (dropdown menu with '-- Select One --'), 'Link to online newspaper:' (text box with 'http://' pre-filled), 'Your name:' (text box), and 'Your email address:' (text box). At the bottom of the form are 'Submit Brief' and 'Reset Form' buttons. In the bottom left corner, there are 'Ads by Google' links for 'Wai', 'Wcaq Compliant', 'Bobby 508', and 'Wcaq Conformance'.

**Figure 3:** Screenshot of the FPH Brief Submission page.