

Defining Foreign Policy



Contemplate the definitions of foreign and domestic policy provided below. With a partner, discuss their meaning and think of some historical and current world examples that might help explain the quotes. Then write your own definition of the terms domestic and foreign policy, and share with the class.

Compare your definition of foreign policy to the one shown in class. How was your definition similar or different to that one? What are the connections between domestic and foreign policy?

“Foreign policy is really domestic policy with its hat on.”

Hubert Humphrey

American Presidential Candidate, 1966

“Our foreign policy can be viewed as social work on a global scale.”

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“Domestic policy can only defeat us; foreign policy can kill us.”

John F. Kennedy

President of the United States

“In foreign policy you have to wait twenty-five years to see how it comes out.”

James Reston

American Writer

“War is diplomacy carried on by other means.”

Karl von Clausewitz

Prussian Theoretician