

Making Sense of US Foreign Policy

Do you want to make sense of what the US is doing globally? What motivates US policy in the occupation of Afghanistan, why does the US unconditionally support Israel, why is the US trying to overthrow the democratically elected government in Venezuela?

These questions and many more will be explored in an 8-week class with the Grand Rapids Institute for Information Democracy (GRIID). We will use Bill Blum's book ***Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower***, plus additional handouts, documentaries and online resources.

The class is designed to discuss US foreign policy since WWII, politically, economically and militarily. We will discuss issues such as US intervention, torture, sanctions, use of proxy forces, war crimes, trade policies, the US relationship to the United Nations and other international agencies like the IMF and World Bank. Included will be an investigation of how US media factors into what we know about US foreign policy.

Part of the 8-week class will also include discussion about current US Foreign Policy under the Obama Administration.

The cost of the class is \$20. You need to buy the book, which you can get directly from the publisher for 40% off.

<http://www.commoncouragepress.com/index.cfm?action=book&bookid=194>

The class is limited to 12 people, with a minimum of 5 participants.

This class will be held from 6 - 8pm on Wednesday nights beginning April 4 at the Steepletown Center 671 Davis NW, in Grand Rapids.

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