

# Goals of American Foreign Policy

- 1. World Peace—Staying out of wars.
- 2. Economic Prosperity---Nation must be economically strong in order to be secure. Also depends on free & open trade w/ other countries.
- 3. Human Rights---The basic privileges to which all people are naturally entitled.

- Human Rights (Cont.)

The U.S. supports human rights by publicly criticizing human rights violations committed by other nations.

4. Democracy---Encourage democratic forms of government.

## Tools of American Foreign Policy

- 1. Diplomacy---Total process of conducting political relations with other countries, including settling differences & conflicts through peaceful means.
- \*Most important.
- \*Usually carried out by diplomats, but can be handled by President.

- 2. Foreign Aid---Goes primarily to nations that support U.S. foreign policy goals.

- 3. Alliances & Pacts

Alliance—A group of nations or individuals joined together for a common purpose, which may be military, economic, or political.

Multilateral treaties---Signed by a group of several nations.

Ex.) NATO, OAS, Warsaw Pact (no longer exists)

- 4. Trade measures

- \*Terms under which the U.S. trades w/other countries.

- \*Economic Sanctions---Measures by which the government withholds trade benefits, supplies, or economic aid to pressure a foreign government to cease certain activities.

- 5. Military Force

- U.S. has declared war on five occasions.

- When?

## Five times U.S. has declared war:

- Britain 1812
- Mexico 1848
- Spain 1898
- WWI 1917
- WWII 1941

## Ways the President Can Make a Foreign Policy?

### □ Independent Action

Independent action is when the president creates a foreign policy through his or her own actions and choices. It can be difficult to change this policy in the short term, however Congress will typically support the president's actions.

### □ Legislation Proposals

When the executive branch or treaties make proposals to legislation international agreements are submitted to Senate and Congress for approval.

## Ways Congress Can Make a Foreign Policy?

### □ Resolutions and Policy Statements

By making policy statements they can submit ideas and statements that they have to change the current Foreign policy.

### □ Legislative Restrictions and Fund Denials

By creating restrictions for all parties involves, it allows them to make compromises and bargains which can help them establish the kind of foreign policy that they need to have.