

Current Foreign Policy Challenges

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Ambassador David Dunford

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As we close 2023 and enter 2024, it seems the world is in chaos. The world is experiencing a war of aggression in Ukraine; it faces an Israel-Hamas clash in the Middle East; Iran seems to be actively challenging the US in that arena and worldwide there is an increase in anti-Semitic and Islamophobic protests and violence. In Africa there are 37 countries experiencing civil unrest. China continues to threaten Taiwan, and the US Southern border is experiencing unprecedented immigration pressures. It is in this environment that US foreign policy decisions are fraught by a seriously divided government and in an election year. What are the drivers of these challenges and what approaches might US foreign policy take to mitigate and diminish the chaos?

David Dunford retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in June of 1995 following completion of his assignment as Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. He served from 1988-92 in Saudi Arabia as Deputy Ambassador, including 15 months as Acting Ambassador. Ambassador Dunford was an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Arizona from 1996 to 2016 where he taught courses on the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Middle East Business Environment and Globalization and Global Government. He is on the Governing Board of the University of Arizona's Center for Middle Eastern Studies.

Ambassador Dunford has written an important and timely book that shows why diplomacy still matters in an era of reduced budgets and insufficient understanding of just what diplomats do. His long and varied career in the Foreign Service, of three decades, is a testament to how the State Department can successfully contribute to making the US and the world more secure, but only with proper resources and leadership.

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