

ASSIGNMENT #1

POLITICAL SCIENCE 4401F/975A

SELECTED CASES IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

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FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE 4401F

Prepare a critical analysis of **either** Aggie Hirst's chapter, "Intellectuals and US foreign policy," or of Stuart Croft's chapter, "Christian evangelicals and US foreign policy." Both readings can be found on the Centre for American Studies Website under **Resources – American Foreign Policy – Assignment**. The critical analysis should be 8 pp. in length (approx. 2000 words) and is due on **October 16, 2013**. The assignment is **worth 15%** of your final grade. The purpose of this assignment is not to summarize the contents of the chapter you have selected. On the contrary, the goal is to provide a thoughtful and insightful critique of the main arguments advanced by the author. In addition to identifying the author's thesis, you are required to evaluate the chapter's strengths and weaknesses. Moreover, you need to explain why the subject matter explored in the chapter is relevant to the study of US foreign policy. In short, how and in what ways do the fields of study examined by Hirst and/or Croft help us to better understand the nature of American foreign policy-making? You may incorporate other sources in your paper to bolster your argument. Please be sure to footnote all sources.

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Prepare a critical analysis of **both chapters** referenced above. Your critical analysis should be 10 pp. in length (approx.. 2500 words) and is **worth 25%** of your final grade. The same guidelines outlined above should be followed.