

Ideology and American Foreign Policy

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Does America have a historical tradition concerning national security, particularly in the areas of alliances, arms control, and nuclear weapons? Can we locate a set of ideas and practices over the country's history that will help us project America's future security preferences and policies concerning China? Among the US's chief goals is safeguarding its domestic system of liberal-democratic capitalism, and serving that goal has typically meant promoting that system in other countries through various means, from military intervention to international institutions; it has also meant favoritism toward foreign states whose domestic institutions match its own. Professor Owen will discuss historical patterns in the US's alliances, arms control, and nuclear weapons policy and how they demonstrate this liberal-democratic favoritism. He will also discuss the implications of these policies for future Sino-American relations.

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