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List of Abbreviations

ABA	American Business Aristocracy
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ADL	Anti-Defamation League
AEOI	Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran
AIM	American Islamic Mission
AIPAC	American Israel Public Affairs Committee
AJC	American Jewish Committee
AMA	American Muslim Alliance
AMC	American Muslim Council
AMILA	American Muslims Intent on Learning and Activism
AMPCC	American Muslim Political Coordination Council
AZC	American Zionist Council
CAIR	Council on American-Islamic Relations
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CPMAJO	Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations
CRS	Congressional Research Services
EU	European Union
FARA	Foreign Agency Registration Act
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FIA	Federation of Islamic Associations in the US and Canada
FSO	Foreign Service Officer
HEU	Highly Enriched Uranium
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IASPS	Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies
ICNA	Islamic Circle of North America
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INC	Iraqi National Congress
IRFA	International Religious Freedom Act
ISNA	Islamic Society of North America
LEU	Low Enriched Uranium
MAS	Muslim American Society



MAYA	Muslim Arab Youth Association
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
MM	Moral Majority
MPAC	Muslim Public Affairs Council
MSA	Muslim Students Associations
MYNA	Muslim Youth of North America
NAAA	National Association of Arab Americans
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCIA	National Council of Islamic Affairs
NOI	Nation of Islam
NPT	Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty
NSA	National Security Agency, National Security Adviser
NSC	National Security Council
NSS	National Security Strategy
NWS	Nuclear Weapons States
PA	Palestinian Authority
PAC	Political Action Committee
PFEP	Pilot Fuel Enrichment Plant
PNAC	Project for a New American Century
QCA	Qualitative Comparative Analysis
SALT	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
SDI	Strategic Defence Initiative
SFRC	Senate Foreign Relations Committee
UEP	Uranium Enrichment Plant
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNMOVIC	United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission
US, USA	United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
ZOA	Zionist Organization of America



Preface

The idea of compiling a book on American foreign policy and the Muslim world came to the editors in 2002 when one of them started teaching an undergraduate course on US foreign policy in the Department of Political Science at the International Islamic University Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. He was struck, by the unfamiliarity of students with American domestic politics and the foreign policy-making system in the United States, which are both very important for understanding American policies toward various countries of the world. The idea of compiling an edited volume on American foreign policy with a special focus on the Muslim world was, however, finalised in 2006 in Kuala Lumpur during a discussion between the editors. They shared a strong feeling that there was a need, to come up with such a volume for the benefit of students studying American foreign policy, in various countries in the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia. With this purpose in mind, al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultations in Beirut kindly agreed to support such a project. The purpose of this volume is to dispel naive ideas, and misconceptions shared by students about US foreign policy. The contributors to this volume explain the pattern and process of American foreign policy.

Part I of this book provides an analysis of the domestic sources of American foreign policy (Chapter 1) using the funnel of causality model. Also, it discusses the rise of Christian evangelicalism (Chapter 2), the roles of neo-conservatism (Chapter 3) and the media in shaping American public opinion (Chapter 4), the role of the Israel lobby (Chapter 5), and the Muslim groups in the US in influencing American foreign policy (Chapter 6).

Part II analyses the characteristics of foreign policy of the United States. In doing so, the major issues of American foreign policy are discussed from a historical point of view (Chapter 7). In addition, the political economy of Washington's policy is spelled out (Chapter 8), and the need for a paradigm shift in American foreign policy is emphasised (Chapter 9).

Part III of this volume examines five key legacies of American foreign policy, which are of special interest not only to Muslims all over the world, but to other world-wide peace-loving people as well. Chapter 10 provides an outsider's perspective on the impact of ideological and elite interests on America's Palestinian policy. The 2003 invasion and occupation of Iraq are explained in Chapter 11 as an example of America's desire to build a hegemonic world order. America's policy towards Iran's nuclear programme is dealt with in Chapter 12. In Chapter 13, America's Afghanistan policy is analysed. Finally, Chapter 14 discusses the foreign policy of Barack H. Obama and analyses whether he would provide a new direction to America's foreign policy toward the Muslim world.

