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## Foreign Policy Successes and Failure Experienced by the USA from 1898

Introduction According to Hans (1967), a foreign policy is an agreement that has strategies laid down by a country to safeguard its interest and achieve peaceful international relations. Foreign policies are successful if they achieve the goals and objectives set out by the agreements. This essay seeks to highlight two foreign policy successes and failures experienced by the USA.

### Successes

One foreign policy during the tenure of President Jimmy Carter's dubbed the name the Camp Davis Accord was a success. The unrest experienced in the Middle East between Israel and Syrians and Egyptians during the Kippur War of 1973 led to its drafting. President Carter initiated talks with the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Camp Davis in 1978. The peace treaty entailed Israel withdrawing from the Sinai Peninsula and US troops would monitor to ensure there would be no more attacks. In addition, Israel would initiate peace negotiations with Palestine. The treaty led to Israel withdrawing completely from the Sinai gulf. Also, The US government helped Israel to rebuild the Negev Desert Israel military base. Menachem and Anwar won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize (Smith, 2014).

Secondly, the Marshall Plan (1948-1951) entailed the USA extending aid worth 13\$ billion to Western Europe. This treaty was a success because it propelled Western Europe's growth of capital stock. Exchange rates stabilised, and prices were restored since the aid reduced massive shortages of resources. The Marshal Plan played a role in ensuring the stability and

prosperity of Western Europe and also the formation of the current Eastern Europe (Block, 1977).

### Failures

Firstly, The American Foreign policies largely support and protect Israel. As a result, USA has tolerated Israel's destruction and killing of Palestinians in a bid to maintain amicable relationships with Israel. . The tolerance is an indication of foreign policy failure since it does not uphold the main aim of foreign policies which is to uphold peace in all nations. Also, moral and ethical decay is evident leading to lack of trust between USA and Arab nations. The American Veto power in the UN has prevented the UN from charging Israel with the war crimes despite the 2, 142 deaths of Palestinian nationals (Smith, 2014).

USA has also gone against the general foreign policies by breaking international laws on Guantanamo MO bay and treatment of prisoners. The violation of human rights has tainted the image of USA as well as its credibility. America being at the forefront of the war on terrorism has been interpreted as a war against Islam. Consequently, in countries such as Iraq, death tolls on civilians has risen tremendously with the persistent presence of the American troops, making them part of the problem and not the solution (Esposito, 2015).

In conclusion, the US foreign policies have had their fair share of successes and failures with many of the foreign policies alienating US from other countries. This built up many enemies particularly in the Muslim world. However, these foreign policies have strengthened USA's political and military supremacy throughout the centuries.

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