

Title: Why Do Nations Behave the Way They Do?

I. Introduction: My life story and educational background and how they have shaped my perspective on the world.

II. The purpose of the chosen topic and how it relates to our daily understanding of ourselves and the world, including the Middle East.

III. How can we Explain World Events, including what happens in the Middle East?

*Realism
(Military Power)*

- **Anarchy**
- **Power (Military)**
- **Balance of Power**
- **Conflict**
- **State Only Actor**

*Interdependence
(Economic Power)*

- **Order/Law**
- **Economic Power**
- **Balance of Power/Terror**
- **Cooperation**
- **Various Actors**

*Dependency
Perspective*

- **Order/Law**
- **Economic Power**
- **Balance of Power/Terror**
- **Exploitation**
- **Various Actors**

IV. Application to the Middle East

V. Q & A

This section will be an open discussion of any issue relevant to the talk and the Middle East. Questions and comments relevant to other parts of the world, including the United States, are also welcome.