

Practice Essay Questions

Assume the following were true: It has just been reported that the Janjaweed have resumed their genocidal warfare in Sudan.

Imagine you are working for a *foreign* embassy. Your task is to write a memo explaining to your home country what actions the US will take toward Sudan and the likely international repercussions of those actions. You have spent a great deal of time analyzing US newspapers, UN speeches and Congressional hearings, and the policy statements made by key US actors and have encountered a wide array of predictions and explanations. The result is a jumble of information that is not very helpful.

To streamline your thinking, your boss asks you to answer the following three questions:

1. Group the predictions of US actions by the level of analysis of research used to make that prediction. (Image 1, 1.5, 2, and 3).
2. Which level offers the best predictive capability and why?
3. What will be the international repercussions of that US action and which levels of analysis are most helpful for understanding these repercussions?

Additional practice questions.

- China has stationed its fleet in the Straits of Taiwan, what will the US do?
- New photos of concentration camps in Darfur have emerged, what will the US do?
- South Africa has invaded Zimbabwe to overthrow Mugabe, what will the US do?