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Take a closer look at the definition of American diplomacy and diplomatic skills, and how they are used to successfully implement US foreign policy. In its political sense, diplomacy is the art of conducting polite, non-confrontational negotiations between representatives, known as "diplomats," of various nations. Typical issues dealt with through international diplomacy include war and peace, trade relations, economics, culture, human rights, and the environment. As part of their jobs, diplomats often negotiate treaties -- formal, binding agreements between nations -- which must then be approved or "ratified" by the governments of the individual nations involved. The American Revolution was in part a revolt against British sanctions. Indeed, sanctions occupy an important if not always distinguished place in U.S. history. Sanctions helped trigger the War of 1812, weakened the Confederacy a half century later, and were levied against Spain during the Spanish-American War of 1898. Sanctions were also an important tool of American statecraft during the Cold War. At times, the target was the behavior of the Soviet Union and its allies. Prominent among such efforts were the linking of most-favored-nation trade status to Soviet emigration practices and the em American Academy of Diplomacy. American Foreign Service Association (AFSA). Associates of American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW). Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST). Council of American Ambassadors. Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired. Public Diplomacy Association of America. Public Diplomacy Council. Established 1996. About American Diplomacy. Instead, the Founders designed a uniquely American approach to foreign policy that was fundamentally shaped by our principles yet still cognizant of the place of necessity in international relations. This approach relates principles and practice through the gauge of practical wisdom or prudence. [1]. Marion Smith's report, *The Myth of American Isolationism: Commerce, Diplomacy, and Military Affairs in the Early Republic*, looks at the Founders' actions by focusing on the actual practice of U.S. statecraft between the establishment of the United States and 1860 in the areas of diplomacy, trade, and military affairs.