

“Middle East Attitudes and Opinions”

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Arab-Israeli Experience

- Many “war” stories
 - we wanted a communist; Jordan on protocols; Bar Ilan on intifada
- Guidelines from my book
 - Reject saints vs. sinners
 - Know difference between fact and propaganda
 - Diversify sources; take others seriously
 - Self-criticism is not unpatriotic
 - Reject the “admit nothing” approach

Recent travels

- Oman, UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Algeria, Morocco
 - All professional training
 - But many conversations on U.S. policy
 - Why Iraq; what are real motivation and goals
 - Why blank check to Israel
 - Why anti-Islam
- Bahrain lecture
 - Good exchange; explain, not defend
 - U.S. system of lobbies; pros and cons
 - Stereotypes about Islam
 - DAAS
 - Recent MAT article
 - Their stereotypes about us

Survey data and graphs

- Anger at U.S. policy not people
- Political economy shapes attitudes most
- Want democracy, want peace; Islam not discourage
- Graphs about U.S.
 - Jordan on Bush
 - Zogby cross-national
 - Zogby on U.S.
 - Algeria frequencies
 - Algeria on 911 by education
 - Regression of 911
- Graphs about democracy
 - Algeria with personal religiosity
 - Algeria with political Islam
 - Palestinians on peace by religion
 - Palestinians on peace by poli-econ
- Challenges stereotypes and cultural explanations

Implications and recommendations

- Policy; cannot change
- Can “advertising” about society and culture do much
- People to people effective
 - Citizen exchanges program of State Department
- Support, not attack, NRCs and CAORC centers