Engaging with New Societies: Proper Policies Needs Proper Knowledge
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**Motivation/Problem:** Improper cultural and ethnic knowledge about foreign societies will lead to poorly drafted by the US policies that will portray vulnerable societies negatively and leave them susceptible to oppression.

**Methods/Procedure/Approach:** Relating literary, contextual, and representational analyses done by 2008’s “Race and Arab Americans Before and After 9/11: From Invisible Citizens to Visible Subjects” edited by Amaney Jamal and 2016’s “Indian Given” by Maria Josefina Saldana Portillo to various foreign policies drafted in the US in relation to Iraq.

**Results/Findings:** Examinations by Portillo assist in showing how the policies associate different societies into metaphoric controls and create an entirely new constitution in which suzerain government has general control over the lives and decisions over a subjugated peoples. These metaphoric controls translate into negative stereotypes and opinions by the views of the common American, and leads to eventual challenges which Arab Americans and Muslim Americans must handle, as viewed by Jamal’s editing. Furthermore, the various foreign engagements which the US conducts has cost billions of dollars in financial struggles for the US, and as well as the deaths of thousands of Americans and millions of Iraqis. When asked “why” the US is engaged in conflict in the Middle East, the American public essentially responds with an emphatic, “We don’t know.”

**Conclusions/Implications:** If there is a lack of voice, representation, and cognition deriving from a vulnerable and minority community, then policies that are drafted will only damage not just the vulnerable communities, but also damage the confidence the public has in certain policies. Clear public policy must be conducted with careful and considerable understanding and engagement with specific cultures to which the policies are concerning on, and not based on the
interests of foreign institutions. Furthermore, the US needs to be aware of the possibility that bad foreign policies will only lead to an engagement with corruption and problematic leaders, which will just become a considerable burden, both financially and socially, over the US as a whole.