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Key theoretical arguments frame our understanding of the global stage and challenge the student to assess contending explanations for the events they hear about every day in the news.

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**WHAT’S YOUR WORLDVIEW?**

Why is the idea of humanitarian intervention so controversial? Why are states so unwilling to intervene to save people in danger?

**Case Studies.** Located in each chapter, case studies boxes provide an additional opportunity for the student to understand the evolution and application of policy and political strategies in the real world.

**Life in Zimbabwe: Poverty, Hunger, Development, and Politics**

**BACKGROUND**

It is possible the average person in Zimbabwe was not aware of the global economic downturn of 2009. If people in the southern African country did know about the collapse of banks and, according to the IMF, the loss of perhaps 51 million jobs worldwide, this knowledge would not have changed their lives very much. With a 2008 per capita GDP of $200 already, things could not have gotten much worse.

**THE CASE**

The previous year had seen an array of problems that few developing countries had seen recently. First, a series of bad harvests had pushed more people than usual to rely on food aid provided mainly by foreign aid organizations. Ethnically linked political unrest and violence had given rise to an atmosphere of fear.

**Thinking About Global Politics**

**Perspectives on the Arms Race**

**OBJECTIVE**

The goal of this exercise is difficult to reach: consensus on a national security policy or national strategy for the United States with regard to nuclear weapons. After doing some research online and in your library, you will explore with your classmates the importance of worldviews in determining national interests. Your professor may put you into groups.

**PROCEDURE**

This is not a debate but a discussion. You should try to consider the assumptions of national security from all significant groups participating in arms debates.

1. Read the exercise in the book.
2. Divide your class into three groups representing these views.
3. Explore these general questions in your discussion:
   a. What does the United States want its nuclear weapons to do?
   b. What should our nuclear strategy be?
   c. How can the United States use nuclear weapons to achieve its foreign policy and national security goals?

**Thinking About Global Politics**

This feature at the end of each chapter provides a compelling thought experiment to help the student apply the key points of the reading. Each box includes one or more activities and related discussion questions. These activities often make good discussion starters or special projects for the class.

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