

# Dispute in the Balkans

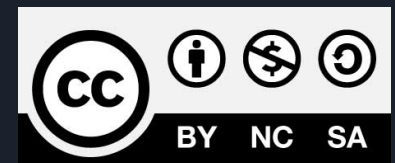
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# Foreign Policy

- A foreign policy usually refers to ways a government advances its interests in world politics



# Foreign Policy Goals

- Providing National security to the U.S
- Promoting world peace
- Maintaining power among nations



# Why is foreign policy important?

- It is important because it is what keeps countries in balance and prevents conflict



# What type of Government is Macedonia

- Macedonia became a democratic republic after gaining its independence in 1991 from Yugoslavia
- Macedonia is a parliamentary republic with the president as the chief of state and the prime minister as the head of government.
- The government consists of three branches including the executive, independent judiciary, and the unicameral legislature.



# The dispute between Greece and Macedonia

- There has been conflict in the Country of Macedonia for the past two years. One of the major issues is that Macedonia for the past decade has been trying to become part of NATO, and the European union. There has been dispute among Greece and Macedonia because of the name of the country. There is a particular region in Greece where there is a place also called Macedonia. This particular section of Greece is what caused many Greek people to upspring and try to reclaim the name Macedonia for their own country

# Map of Macedonia and Greece





# The dispute between Greece and Macedonia continued

- In 2008 NATO, wanted to invite Macedonia as an ally, but because of the dispute between Greece and Macedonia, they cannot be part of NATO until they have a solution.
- The only solution for Macedonia is to change its name
- Recently on September, 30, 2018 Macedonia has officially changed its name to Northern Republic of Macedonia
- Now that the name has changed Macedonia might be able to be an ally of NATO.
- Therefore be able to cooperate and have more opportunities with the United States.





## What I found Interesting about my topic

- What I found interesting is that Foreign policies promote world peace and alliances for countries to help each other, so I wanted to see if my country was cooperating with the U.S to establish world peace



## Why Was I interested in my research?

- One of the biggest reasons why I was interested in my research is because I am from Macedonia, and I just wanted to know more about my country, and how they can promote world peace.



## What I plan on doing in the Future

- I plan on finishing my Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, and hopefully find a Federal job.



# Interviews

Question: What do you think about foreign policies and, do you think Macedonia has a part in it?

Mom(42): Replied that she thinks Macedonia should be more contributing to the world rather than them complaining about their pride.

Brother(18): He replied that Foreign policies should help make the world a better place, and that Macedonia should be more contributing to the world

Friend(21): He replied that foreign policies are good to keep countries together, doesn't know much about Macedonia, but said they should be more contributing to the world



# Interviews continued

- The Responses I got from the interview were very similar, because they all said that foreign policies are a good thing because it helps countries have a balance with each other.
- The only difference I found in my Interviews were that some people knew about Macedonia, while the others knew little or nothing about the country.



## What I have learned

- I have learned more about Macedonia, and how its government works, and I have learned that Politics really is important, and that it is in our everyday lives.
- Regarding to research nothing has happened between the time of the name change. I am still waiting a response from the Prime minister of Macedonia( Zoran Zaev).



# Conclusion

Foreign policies were made to make countries more united. Foreign policies are important because it what keeps countries in balance and prevents conflict. The Dispute between Macedonia and Greece caused Macedonia not to have been part of the European union for the past decade. Now that Macedonia has changed its name to Northern Macedonia, it can finally have a chance to be part of NATO. There for the U.S can now give foreign policies to Macedonia, and have alliances. With this said foreign policies were made to distribute world peace, and I would like to see in the future that Macedonia cooperates more with the United States.



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# Summary of Project

There has been conflict in the Country of Macedonia for the past two years. One of the major issues is that Macedonia for the past decade has been trying to become part of NATO or the European union. There has been dispute among Greece and Macedonia because of the name of the country. There is a particular region in Greece where there is a place also called Macedonia. This particular section of Greece is what caused many Greek people to upspring and try to reclaim the name Macedonia for their own country. Michael Carpenter said “ The dispute dates back to 1991, when Macedonians declared independence from Yugoslavia by establishing a Republic of Macedonia, which led Greece to object that the new country was usurping its history and laying claim to its land by appropriating the name of its northern region, also called Macedonia”(It's time for Macedonia to Accept Compromise). This shows that Greece was trying to reclaim their land because of the name. Ivan Krastev said “European policymakers should be aware that if the long-running dispute between Greece and Macedonia (over the latter's name) is not resolved before the next EU summit on the western Balkans in May, then that will spell a double defeat: Macedonia's ambitions will have been dashed and Brussels' efforts to be taken seriously in the region will have fallen flat”(Europe is facing a potential crisis in the Balkans. It has to act soon). What this ultimately means is that if Macedonia did not change their name they would be more prone to be undertaken by the soviet union. The Department of state says that“Macedonia seeks to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and is a candidate country for the European Union. Macedonia joined NATO's Partnership for Peace in 1995, and commenced its Membership Action Plan in 1999. In 2008, NATO Allies determined that Macedonia met NATO membership criteria and undertook to invite Macedonia to join NATO as soon as a solution is reached to the naming dispute with NATO member Greece”(U.S relations with Macedonia). This was to show that even the U.S department of state is confirming and waiting for Macedonia to get its name changed, so they can become part of NATO. Recently, September 30, 2018, was the official day that Macedonia had finally changed its name to Northern Macedonia. From this name change, Macedonia will now have a chance to be part of NATO. Now that Macedonia has a name change they will be able to have a foreign policy, and have an alliance with the United States. For the past two months nothing has happened so far since the name change. Hopefully in the coming months Macedonia might become part of Nato. The reason Why I chose this topic is because I was interested in my Country, and I really didn't know to much about its history and politics. I have learned so much about my Country in this project, not only that but, I have learned more about politics. I hope to continue to grow with understanding of how government systems work in different countries, and be able to help countries to distribute world peace. Thank you professor Alapo for teaching me the importance of politics.