

## US Foreign Policy - Summer Reading Assignment

Ronan Farrow. War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence. New York: W.W. Norton, 2018.

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*"A thought-provoking exploration of the transformation in America's place in the world by Pulitzer prize-winning author Ronan Farrow. In an astonishing journey from the corridors of power in Washington, DC, to some of the most remote and dangerous places on earth—Afghanistan, Somalia, and North Korea among them—Farrow illuminates one of the most consequential and poorly understood changes in American history. Drawing on newly unearthed documents, and richly informed by rare interviews with warlords, whistle-blowers, and policymakers—including every living former secretary of state ...—War on Peace makes a powerful case for an endangered profession."*

As you read, please consider and jot down responses to the following prompts \*(you will be expected to have prepared answers and be capable of engaging these prompts during the first week of the course)

- To what extent do the examples of 'diplomacy' as revealed by Farrow reflect your pre-course/pre-reading vision of it?
- Ronan Farrow utilizes a number of vivid anecdotes & stories from his experiences:
  - Which were the 1 or 2 most interesting 'stories' to you, and why?
  - Which best illustrates Farrow's Thesis / main idea? How and Why?
- Is Farrow right: Is there a "War on Peace"? Explain your answer.