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

Recent travels
• Oman, UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Algeria, Morocco
  o All professional training
  o 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
  o 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