

Abstract

This thesis deals primarily with the work of Robert Kagan. Using discourse analysis it seeks the views of the U. S. position in the world and the role which the U. S. should play in the international field. Simultaneously it handles his view of the current world order and its possible alternatives. It examines the views and opinions of Kagan to the objectives of U. S. foreign policy, develops means to achieve those objectives as well as the obstacles that hinder the achievement of these goals. It also focuses on the relationship between Europe and the USA. It examines the causes and consequences of differences in the way Americans and Europeans perceive the use of power and foreign policy. To achieve a holistic view on the issue, the views of Kagan's critics are included.