

Template for a **Rational Actor** Analysis

Before completing this template, review the POL 240 Theoretical Perspectives document in the Canvas Important Information module. Additional useful information is contained in *Why Are Some States Wealthy and Some Poor?*

For your examples, include citations from the readings.

The theoretical perspective of rational actor best explains [*the political events described by reading assignments for the region*]:

I. Who is/are the main agent(s) responsible for the events described in the readings?

1. Example from readings that supports your claim:

2. Example from readings that supports your claim:

II. What is/are the goal(s) of these individuals?

1. Example from readings that supports your claim:

2. Example from readings that supports your claim:

III. What are the methods the individuals have chosen to try to achieve their goal(s)?

1. Example from readings that supports your claim:

2. Example from readings that supports your claim:

IV. What benefits do/did these individuals expect to gain from their behavior?

1. Example from readings that supports your claim:

2. Example from readings that supports your claim: