

Policy Memo 1: Refugees

You are employed by the [Humanitarian Information Unit](#) (HIU) at the U.S. Department of State. A new President has been inaugurated, and the President's senior advisers on the National Security Council (NSC) seek information on conflicts around the world that may affect U.S. foreign policy interests. The HIU is providing the NSC with a report on displaced persons and refugees in Sudan and South Sudan. Your task is to write a policy memo to the NSC that recommends that the U.S. government adopt one of the following policies:

- Deliver economic and military aid to the South Sudanese government.
- Intervene militarily to quell hostilities and provide aid to refugees.
- Do nothing.

Use the following information as a basis for your recommendations to the NSC:

- Nicholas Kristof and Adam B. Ellick, "Starving on the Streets," *The New York Times*, 13 July 2015, <http://nyti.ms/1DwZMSE>.
- Nicholas Kristof and Adam B. Ellick, "[The Worst Atrocity You've Never Heard Of](#)," *The New York Times*, 13 July 2015.
- Jacey Fortin, "Wrenching Choice in South Sudan: Starve or Risk Rape," *The New York Times*, 4 August 2016 (Evernote).
- Marc Santora, "As South Sudan Crisis Worsens, 'There Is No More Country'," *The New York Times*, 22 June 2015, <http://nyti.ms/1QOvMgl>.
- Nicholas Kristof, "The Killing Field," *The New York Times*, 27 February 2016, <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/opinion/sunday/the-killing-field.html>.
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, "5 Years Into South Kordofan Conflict, Refugees Are Still Fleeing," 3 June 2016 (Evernote).

Items from the course syllabus can also be used as evidence for your recommendations. When referencing sources, use the same citation method as for reading responses.

This memo should be no longer than two pages, in 11 or 12 point font. It should conform to the [policy memo guidelines](#) contained in the Important Information module. Read the rubric below for additional information on how this assignment will be evaluated.