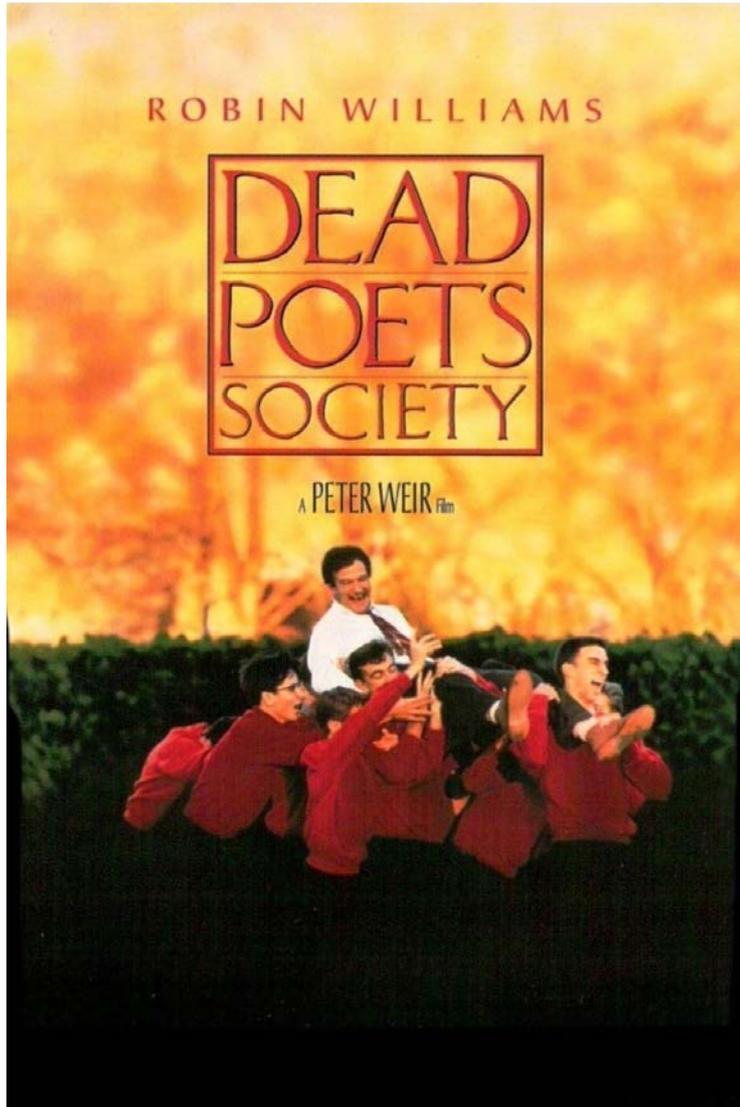




The Eventual Triumph of Freedom: The Power of Rhetoric in Creating and Shaping America's Special Relationship with Israel, 1998 - 2006

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Inspiration And Origins Of The Project



“No matter what anybody tells you – words and ideas can change the world.”

John Keating (Robin Williams), *Dead Poet's Society* (1989)

Thesis And Overview Of Project

Strategic and coincidental uses of rhetoric,
which led to a deepening of official and
unofficial ties between the United States and
Israel

Also contributed to the both nation-states'
continued alienation from other key actors in
the Middle East.

Historical summary, brief literature review,
analysis

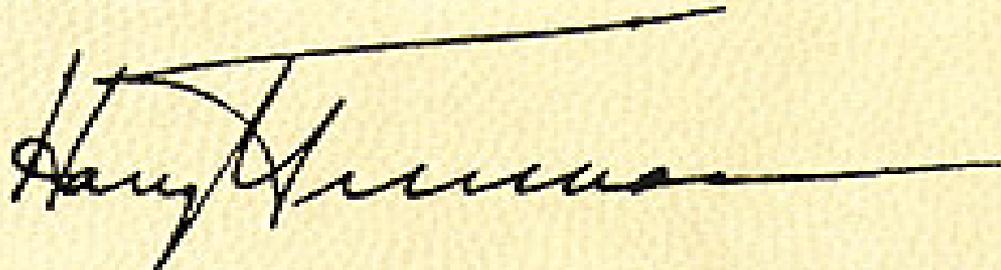
Pre-1948 And The Creation Of The State Of Israel



Truman And Israel

This Government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the ^{provisional} Government thereof.

The United States recognizes the provisional government as the de facto authority of the new ^{state of} ~~Jewish~~ _{state} ^{of} ~~J-~~ _{Israel}.



Approved
May 14, 1948.

Peace Treaties



Governor Bush Visits Israel, 1998



Camp David, Summer 2000



2000 Election



Early 2001 – Sharon Elected; Visits Washington



September 11, 2001



2002 – “A Man Of Peace”



The Road Map



2003 – Refocus On The Middle East



2004– Withdrawal From Gaza Announced



2004 – Election



2004 – Yasser Arafat Dies



2005 – Sharon Visits Crawford



2006 And Beyond



Conclusions

The power of rhetoric in creating and maintaining personal and diplomatic relationships cannot be understated – it may be instrumental in creating a reality that does not exist (yet).

Intentional and unintentional rhetoric impacted the relationship between President Bush and Prime Minister Sharon – it strengthened the personal relationship between the two men and the diplomatic relationship between their two respective countries. However, it also alienated both countries from the rest of the Middle East.

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Any questions?

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