

Robert S. McNamara and James G. Blight, *Wilson's Ghost: Reducing the Risk of Conflict, Killing and Catastrophe in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2003).

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Questions (worth 70 points):

1. What is the significance of President Wilson? How do the authors explain Wilson's goals and failures?
2. What is the "radical agenda" laid out in the first chapter? Summarize each point and explain how current US policy relates to these.
3. Chapter 2 discusses ending great power conflict. What do they mean and what are the lessons from the 20<sup>th</sup> century? How does this relate to our current relations with Russia and China?
4. What do the authors mean by "communal violence"? What are the sources of these? Summarize what they suggest needs to happen to avoid communal violence.
5. What is the threat from nuclear weapons? The Cold War is over, so why do we still worry about them? Are they useful? Why not just set up anti-ballistic missile systems?
6. In the wake of 9-11, McNamara and Blight revised their work. Summarize what they suggest the US and its allies need to do to work against terrorism. Have we followed this advice? Why or why not?
7. Discuss what you thought of the book.