

## American responses: open form

### Initial scenario:

Increased tensions between Russia and Georgia in recent months pose serious threat for peace and stability in the region and in the entire world. Military buildups, parallel military exercises and mutual accusations on violation of 1992 cease-fire are only few of many demonstrations of the hostility and antagonism between the states that might escalate to full-scale war at any moment. The 'war of words' had already begun in the media, and it is extremely difficult to find unbiased reports in these days, even in international newspapers. It looks like the two bitter rivals, Russia and Georgia, are on the path to real war and without the intervention and mediation by the external powers, such as USA and EU, the war would become the inevitable outcome.

Actor: USA

### Core values\*:

1. Credibility
2. Status
3. Sovereignty
4. Human rights
5. Political freedom for minorities

### Goals & means\*:

1. Preserve American influence in Caucasus
  - a. extend good offices to the rivals
  - b. offer economic aid to Georgia
  - c. threaten Russia to stay out of Georgia
2. Prevent escalation to violence
  - a. stress American commitment to Georgia's security
  - b. offer to mediate the conflict
  - c. make ultimatum to Russia if intervenes to Georgia
3. Avoid confrontation with Russia
  - a. keep secret talks with Georgia on NATO membership
  - b. use media to emphasize neutral position in conflict
  - c. send diplomatic envoy to Russia
4. Become an effective mediator in the conflict
  - a. offer to mediate the conflict
  - b. suggest peace offer
  - c. call for a peace conference
5. Protect the existing status of all minorities in the region
  - a. offer collaboration to the EU on the issue of minorities
  - b. extend economic aid to minorities
  - c. support democratic representation of minorities

### Policy choice:

Diplomatic activity: extend good offices to Russia and Georgia, emphasize American commitment to Georgia's security and keep covert all talks on Georgia's NATO membership.

\*Ranked from the most important to the least important. May differ from reality. Script fonts illustrate the answers students are supposed to add.

## Combined response form: structured and open

### Mediation: The U.N. will be the exclusive mediator \*

Mark your position on a scale from 1 "disagree" to 5 "agree"

1 2 3 4 5

### Your exact position on the issue \*



### Diplomatic Recognition: All parties recognize one another's right to exist and exchange diplomatic envoys \*

Mark your position on a scale from 1 "disagree" to 5 "agree"

1 2 3 4 5

### Your exact position on the issue \*



Fig. 5.10. Values and policy