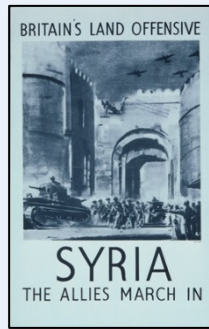


## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATORS AND POLICY MAKERS



**Should the United States intervene in the Syrian Civil War?**

**If so, in what fashion (e.g. overtly arming the rebels, no-fly zones, ground troops, active use of drones, etc.)?**

**And if not, why?**

1. If Syria erodes into chaos (e.g., the trajectory of Libya) or an Islamist government emerges there, whether by plebiscite or not (e.g., Egypt), does either disappointing result offer any improvement, in terms of U.S. interests, over the current Assad regime and its close ties with Hezbollah and Iran?
2. What exactly would the fall of the Assad regime mean in terms of Iran's regional influence and its strategic outlook?
3. Is there any realistic chance that the U.S., through aid, military shipments, or training, can have any influence with moderate anti-Assad insurgents, or do such groups even exist in any number? Is there a reliable way to identify such groups?

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