

U.S. Interactions with Unrecognized Entities: A Comparative Review

Caucasus Affairs and Regional Conflicts

European and Eurasian Affairs

Overview:

A number of self-proclaimed political entities exist today that remain unrecognized by all but a few states. Although they maintain delegations or other informal missions outside of their claimed territories, such entities have garnered minimal (if any) formal recognition. Although the United States does not recognize these entities, U.S. officials and citizens interact with residents of these polities to some extent. This study would: compare the development of U.S. official policy with respect to these entities and the way historical patterns and contexts led to varied U.S. approaches in different situations (such as political, military, and economic factors); discuss the practical aspects of non-recognition, e.g., acceptance of travel documents and visa policy regarding unrecognized entities; and analyze the overall effect of these policies on the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

Format of Final Project:

20-30 page research paper

Potential Areas of Useful Expertise or Interest:

Civil Society; International Law; International Relations

Comments:

None.