Foreign Policy Extra Credit Ideas—by no means is this list exhaustive!

**Democracy Now! April 23, 2010 Interview with Bolivian President Evo Morales about World’s People Conference on Climate Change** (60 min.):

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/4/23/bolivian_president_evo_morales_to_president>

A contemporary ancillary to the Fog of War (another extra credit option) suggested to watch:

 **Rethinking Afghanistan (free, online):**

<http://rethinkafghanistan.com/videos.php>

Note, the movie is broken up into clips but there are enough for you to get the point!

**Charlie Wilson’s War—Spring Branch Library has it.**

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| In the early 1980s, Charlie Wilson was best known as a womanizing US congressional representative from Texas. He seemed to be in the minor leagues, except for the fact that he was a member of two major foreign policy and covert-ops committees. However, once Charlie is prodded by his major conservative supporter, Joanne Herring, Wilson learns about the plight of the people who are suffering from the effects of the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. With the help of the maverick CIA agent, Gust Avrakotos, Wilson dedicates his canny political efforts to supply the Afghan mujahideen with the weapons and support needed to defeat the Soviet Union. Ultimately, Charlie learns that while military victory can be obtained, there are other consequences and prices to that fight that are ignored to everyone's sorrow. Based on a true story. |
| **Note** | Bonus features: "Making of" featurette ; Who is Charlie Wilson? |

**The War Briefing—Katy Library has it.**

Examines the **policy** choices the next president will face as he inherits an overstretched military, frayed alliances, and wars on two fronts. Features strategists and diplomats discussing how to correct past failures and how to shape a realistic **foreign** **policy** approach in the war against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. Presents on-the-ground reporting from the deadliest battlefield in the mountains of Afghanistan and follows the trail to the militant safe havens deep inside the Pakistani tribal areas.

**The War on Democracy—Stafford Library has it.**

Journalist John Pilger examines the role of Washington in **America**'s manipulation of **Latin** American politics during the last 50 years focusing on the struggle by ordinary people to free themselves from poverty and racism.

**El Silencio de Neto—Central Campus Library has it.**

"Filmed in the colonial city of Antigua, The Silence of Neto tells the politically-charged story of a young boy striving to follow his dreams while his country struggles to preserve democracy amidst CIA **cold**-**war** propaganda. Through the eyes of young Neto, we are given an authentic insider's look at the diverse people of Guatemala and the historical events that have shaped their destiny"

Truman—Katy Library has it.

President Truman led the nation through the end of World **War** II, the beginning of the **Cold** **War**, the struggle for civil rights and the creation of the United Nations.

Pentagon Papers

**Complete DVD history of US Wars, 1700-2004—Spring Branch Library has all four volumes.**

Born and nurtured in **war**, America grew in strength and power and now, in the 21st century, it is the foremost military power in the world. George Kennedy takes us on this three hundred-year saga of United States wars.

**Avoiding Armageddon—Spring Branch library has it.**

Disc one examines the historical context of biological and chemical weapons, and provides interviews with victims who survived biological or chemical weapons attacks. Disc two discusses past and present nuclear dangers. Explores the myth that the end of the **Cold** **War** decreased the threat of a nuclear holocaust. Contends that unsecured nuclear weapons stockpiles, increased nuclear proliferation, and growing international terrorism has greatly increased the threat of nuclear attacks. Disc three explores the links between terrorism and these weapons. Visits various places around the world to see what factors lead people to become terrorists and what could be done to prevent this. Disc four examines the concept of "homeland security" as well as some of the proactive programs around the world that attempt to change the environments that breed terrorism and instability.

**Brothers and Others—Katy Library has it.**

Depicts the social conditions of Muslims and Arabs living in the United States after September 11, 2001 (Brothers and others). Interviewee Noam Chomsky presents ideas about 9/11 and racism (On power, dissent and racism).

**Power and Terror—Central library has it.**

"Chomsky places the terroist attacks of 9/11 in the context of American foreign intervention throughout the postwar decades--in Vietnam, Central America, the Middle East and elsewhere."

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**Rush to War—Central library has it.**

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| In today's post9/11 world, search for the rationale behind the war in Iraq, exploring the failed policies of several administrations. What is presented, is a raw, provocative look into America's 'War on Terror' an its effects on our society, our credibility, and most importantly, our security. |

Special features: Bonus documentary: exclusive interview with Joe Wilson, husband of outed Secret CIA agent Valerie Plame.

**13 Days—Katy library has it.**

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| Oct. 1962, for **thirteen** extraordinary **days** the world stood on the brink of destruction. Khrushchev wouldn't back down, President Kennedy wouldn't give in. Inspired by the real-life events that took place in the Kennedy White House. |
| **Note** | Special features: filmmaker commentary with Kevin Costner, Roger Donaldson, David Self and others, historical commentary, documentary 'Roots of the Cuban Missile Crisis', documentary 'Bringing history to the silver screen', historical figures biography gallery, visual effects scene demonstrations, deleted scenes with director commentary, cast and crew filmographies, theatrical trailers; DVD-ROM content: script to screen screenplay, link to original website. |

**JFK Tapes—West Loop Library (VHS)**

This documentary analyzes tapes recorded during the 1962 Cuban Missile crisis. Recorded voices include John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Dean Rusk, Curtis LeMay and Robert S. McNamara. These tapes were released from the Kennedy Library in the 1990s.

**The Fog of War—Katy Library**

The story of American politics and military policies as seen through the eyes of the former Secretary of Defense, under President Kennedy and President Johnson, Robert S. **McNamara**. **McNamara** is a controversial and influential political figure. He offers a candid journey through some of the most seminal events in contemporary American history. He offers insights into the 1945 fire bombing of Tokyo, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the effects of the Vietnam War.

**Uncovered—katy Library has it.**

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| Takes the viewer behind the walls of government, as CIA, Pentagon and foreign service experts speak out detailing the lies, misstatements and exaggerations that served as the reasons for fighting a "preemptive" war against Iraq that wasn't necessary. Includes interviews with more than 20 experts in opposition to the U.S. war in Iraq. |
| **Note** | Special features include: extensive interviews with experts; interview with producer/director Robert Greenwald; trailers. |