This research project examines the history of democratic control of foreign policy during the twentieth century across Europe and the United States. By drawing on personal papers, institutional records, and state archives, it traces the campaign for foreign policy control from the First World War to the end of the Cold War. Specifically, it looks at groups such as the Central Organisation for a Durable Peace to explore the arguments and reforms that have shaped our diplomatic apparatus. By examining key moments of twentieth century history as case studies, it sheds light on the increasing internationalisation and professionalisation of foreign politics, while critically examining the democratic defects that have persisted until today.

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