Plan Overview

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Title: The Suez Canal Crisis of 1956: Blended Constructivist, Emotional History, and Rationalist Analysis of American and British Leaders

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Project abstract:

The decisions made by American President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden, and Chancellor of the Exchequer Harold Macmillan in the time leading to, and during the 1956 Suez Canal crisis will be examined from a historical perspective using emotional history analysis. The research problem is how did each leader's emotions impact their crisis decisions and the outcome? The scope of the research project is unprecedented. Past studies have not analyzed in depth the history of the emotions of each of the principals relative to the crisis in depth.

In July 1956, Dulles, having obtained Eisenhower's concurrence while he was recovering from major surgery, revoked a financing offer for the Aswan Dam project which promised significant economic development for Egypt. In response, Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the canal, enraging Eden and Macmillan, based on their view of Nasser as a fascist dictator who could obstruct Britain's access to oil supplies. The nationalization precipitated an Anglo-French-Israeli invasion to retake the canal and remove Nasser, in defiance of Eisenhower and Dulles, triggering a crisis that threatened nuclear war with Russia.

The hypothesis is that an analysis of each principal's history, beliefs, emotions, perceptions, and social interactions will demonstrate how they combined to initiate and fuel the crisis.

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Data Collection Proposals

Describe the data you intend to collect:

- **How much?**
- **What formats?**
- **Any sensitivities?**

Primary source historical documents.
Scholarly secondary sources.
No use of personal data of non-historic persons.

Projected timescale for data collection:

From 21 September 2026 to 27 January 2030

Third Party Data

For known datasets, note the source, rights-holder and licence terms:

Non-applicable.

Strategy for identifying unknown datasets of relevance:

Non-applicable.

Working Data

Projected location for working data:

Home library.

Any issues of concern:

Non-applicable.

Data Preservation

Strategy for managing your data on completion of your study:

Non-applicable.

Any issues of concern:

Non-applicable.

Data Publication

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