

Table 10-1 Alternative Models of the Lebanon Situation in 1982

Policymakers	Analysts
We can negotiate speedy Israeli and Syrian withdrawals from Lebanon.	President Assad won't pull Syrian troops out unless convinced that he will be attacked militarily.
Lebanon can be unified under a stable government.	Lebanon in effect has no borders, and you can't say what a citizen is.
President Gamayel can influence events in Lebanon.	President Gamayel doesn't control most of Beirut, and even the Christians aren't all behind him.
We have five military factions to deal with: the Christian Phalange, Moslem militia, Syrian forces, the PLO, and Israeli forces.	There are 40 militias operating in West Beirut alone.
The marines are peacekeepers.	The marines are targets.