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## French labor protests, Israel and America

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

My only words of advice to the young students demonstrating and rioting throughout Paris are, "Get over it. Job security no longer exists."

What Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin is initiating will help, not hurt, France. World markets are changing rapidly. France needs employment flexibility. Without it France would not be able to compete in the global marketplace. Young French people seem to want job security but without reform to make that security possible.

Carolyn Davenport-Moncel,  
Courbevoie, France

### Israel and America

This week President George W. Bush made the following statement after a speech defending his war against Iraq: "The threat from Iran is, of course, their stated objective to destroy our strong ally Israel .... I made it clear, and I'll make it clear again, that we will use military might to protect our ally Israel." ("Bush admits setbacks in Iraq," March 21)

There you have it - complete with the words "of course" for anyone who hadn't already figured it out.

As with Iraq, no American interests are involved, only Israeli interests.

Will any American political or opinion leader dare to suggest publicly that, in America, American interests should take priority over Israeli interests?

Time for a second American declaration of independence?

John V. Whitbeck, Jidda

The DP World deal

Robert Kuttner ("The Dubai debacle," Views, March 15) would gain more

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