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Books and other readings
Grades

- Daily iClicker quizzes on readings (10%)
- Response paper 1 (due January 28; 30%)
- Response paper 2 (due February 18; 30%)
- Response paper 4 (due March 19; 30%)
  - All papers submitted through Turnitin (via Canvas)
Scope and Ambition of Course

- Broad understanding of scope and nature of U.S. foreign policy since 1898
- Theoretical understanding of how the U.S. builds and exercises its power and influence
- Combine to explain the Liberal International Order (LIO) and its current challenges
Organization

- Themes and theory (3 lectures)
- Informal Empire in the Caribbean
- World War I and League of Nations
  - First Paper Assignment
- World War II and Origins of the Liberal International Order
- The Cold War: Origins and Outbreak
Organization

- The Cold War: Crises and Detente
- Vietnam
- The End of American Hegemony
  - Second Paper Assignment
- The End of the Cold War
- The New World Order
- The Backlash to Empire and the War on Terror
Organization

- Democracy Promotion and Statebuilding
- Iraq
- Populism at Home and Abroad
- The Rise of China
- The Future of the Liberal International Order
  - Third paper assignment
Questions

- Where does an international order come from? How is order established?
- How does an international order work?
- What role did the U.S. play in the Liberal International Order (LIO)?
- What are the challenges now before the U.S.?
- What is the likely future of international order?
Are we living through the end of the Liberal International Order?

- Is the order crumbling from within?
  - Diverging interests between major powers
  - Populism and economic nationalism
  - Isolationism

- Will China challenge the U.S.?

- Not just about President Trump
  - He is a symptom of an underlying change, not its cause.
Reform

Every nation...must honestly acknowledge its responsibilities to its citizens and ask if the current international order serves the good of its people as well as it could. And if not, we must ask we how we can right it. This is what President Trump is doing. He is returning the United States to its traditional, central leadership role in the world.

Sect. of State, Mike Pompeo, 12/4/2018

Maintain

Our strength as a nation is inextricably linked to the strength of our unique and comprehensive system of alliances and partnerships. ...We must do everything possible to advance an international order that is most conducive to our security, prosperity and values, and we are strengthened in this effort by the solidarity of our alliances.

Sect. of Defense, James Mattis, 12/20/2018
What was the LIO?

- Political orders are patterned relationships between member states governed by rules, norms, and decision-making procedures
- U.S.-led hierarchy characterized by indirect rule
- Liberalism
  - Equality of individuals
  - Open markets
  - Constraints on power: Multilateralism
- Potentially universal
  - But also exclusionary
“Westphalian” Foundation

The LIO was based on “Westphalian” rules:

- Sovereignty (formal equality)
  - Political authority is vested in the state
- Territorial integrity (no transfers by force)
- Non-intervention in “internal” affairs

Developed over centuries and embodied in the United Nations Charter
What was the LIO?

- **Pluralistic Security Community**
  - Peaceful resolution of disputes between members
  - Collective Security against outsiders

- **Economic Liberalism**
  - Free trade between members, extended to others
  - Open capital markets for members
  - Still restricted immigration

- **Political Liberalism**
  - Democracy for members
  - Universal human rights
Decline of Interstate War

**Figure 3.1** The Percentage of States Involved in Interstate War per Year, 1820–2014

Civil Wars

FIGURE 6.1  Interstate and Civil Wars, 1946–2014

- CIVIL WARS
- INTERSTATE WARS

Year

Number of Wars Ongoing
Battle Deaths


Followers of the news in the mid-2010s might have expected the Syrian carnage to have erased all of the historic progress of the preceding decades. That's because they forget the many civil wars that ended without fanfare since 2009, including Angola, Chad, India, Iran, Peru, and Sri Lanka, and to forget earlier ones that had massive death tolls, such as the wars in Indochina (1946–54, 500,000 deaths), India (1946–48, a million deaths), China (1946–50, a million deaths), Sudan (1956–72, 500,000 deaths, and 1983–2002, a million deaths), Uganda (1971–78, 500,000 deaths), Ethiopia (1974–91, 750,000 deaths), Angola (1975–2002, a million deaths), and Mozambique (1981–92, 500,000 deaths).

The geography of war also continues to shrink. In 2016 a peace agreement between the government of Colombia and Marxist FARC guerrillas ended the last active political armed conflict in the Western Hemisphere, and the last remnant of the Cold War.
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Growth of Trade

**FIGURE 14.3** *The Expanding Volume of World Trade, 1950–2015*
Trade and the United States

**Figure 7.1** Importance of Trade to the U.S. Economy, 1960–2013

Unprecedented Prosperity

**FIGURE 1.1** *Gross Domestic Product per Capita, 1500–2010*
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Global Trend in Democracy
Human Rights Improve


- Traditional Human Rights Measure
- Farriss’s New Human Rights Measure
Political Persecution

MAP 12.1  *Imprisonment for Nonviolent Politics: Beliefs and Actions, 2011*

- **MANY PEOPLE IMPRISONED FOR RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL, OR OTHER BELIEFS**
- **SOME PEOPLE IMPRISONED FOR RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL, OR OTHER BELIEFS**
- **NO PEOPLE IMPRISONED FOR THE ABOVE REASONS**
- **NO DATA AVAILABLE**


*Note:* The data presented in this map measure the incarceration in 2011 of people by government officials because of their speech; their nonviolent opposition to the government; their religious beliefs and practices; or their membership in a group, including an ethnic or racial group.

*The data for maps 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3 is no longer being compiled by David Cingranelli and David Richards, and as of 2015 no new data have replaced theirs.*
Map note: The data presented in this map measure in 2011 the purposeful inflicting of extreme pain, whether mental or physical, by government officials or by private individuals at the instigation of government officials. Torture includes the use by police and prison guards of physical and other force that is cruel, inhuman, or degrading. This also includes deaths in custody due to negligence by government officials.
Women’s Rights

MAP 12.3 Women’s Political Rights, 2011

- Dark blue: Guaranteed in law but severely prohibited in practice
- Light blue: Guaranteed in law but moderately prohibited in practice
- Light grey: No data available


Map note: The data presented in this map measure in 2011 women’s political rights to vote, run for political office, hold elected and appointed government positions, join political parties, and petition government officials. Many countries in which rights are guaranteed in law but moderately prohibited in practice have only limited proportions of women (less than 30 percent) in elected or appointed government office.