

Cultural Security | Topics for Revision

- ✓ What is cultural security
- ✓ Role and place of culture in political processes
- ✓ The iceberg of culture
- ✓ Culture as an independent variable (examples!)
- ✓ Culture as a dependent variable (examples!)
- ✓ Culture in historical development of the international system
- ✓ Culture in the main theories of political sciences
- ✓ Obstacles and barriers for culture
- ✓ Culture as the soft power
- ✓ The influence of Constructivism
- ✓ Culture – a structure or the agency?
- ✓ Cultural motivations for behaviour
- ✓ Political culture vs Civic culture
- ✓ Cultural diffusion
- ✓ Narrow and wide understanding of cultural security
- ✓ Conceptualisation of culture (characteristic features discussed by Szacka)
- ✓ Culture and civilization (two traditions)
- ✓ Elements of national identity (epos, genos, logos, ethos, topos)
- ✓ “The End of History”- Francis Fukuyama
- ✓ “Clash of Civilisations”- Samuel P. Huntington
- ✓ “Jihad versus McWorld” - Benjamin R. Barber
- ✓ “The Third Wave” – Alvin and Heidi Toffler
- ✓ ”Global ecumene” - Ulf Hannerz
- ✓ “Global cultural flows” - Arjun Appadurai
- ✓ “Glocalisation” - Roland Robertson
- ✓ Societal security
- ✓ Traditional cultural security challenges
- ✓ Ethnic and national minorities
- ✓ Ethnopolitics
- ✓ Cultural, economic and territorial segmentation
- ✓ Ethnopolitical goals
- ✓ Kin state
- ✓ Focal points of identities and their connection to political agenda
- ✓ Nature and level of claims
- ✓ Differences between the biological, ideological, and economical vs. normative theories of human life;
- ✓ The new culture wars
- ✓ Identity politics
- ✓ Gramsci and cultural hegemony
- ✓ Norms versus laws (does universal culture exist?)
- ✓ Types of social norms;
- ✓ 6 civilisational difference markers;
- ✓ Quincunx and its categories;
- ✓ Models of ethics vs. law relations and their implications;
- ✓ Models of cognition vs. ideology relations and their implications;
- ✓ Turanian/Turan civilisation;
- ✓ Latin civilisation;

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- ✓ Byzantine civilisation;
- ✓ Inter-civilisational relations (principles, consequences according to the normative framework);

Readings:

1. Francis Fukuyama, End of History;
2. Samuel Huntington, Clash of Civilisations;
3. Douglas Murray, The Strange Death of Europe (chapter 7);
4. Anthony D Smith, The Concept [of Nationalism] and Its Varieties;
5. Edward Younkins, Why the World is the Way It Is: Cultural Relativism and Its Descendants [online];
6. Pluckrose & Lindsay, Cynical Theories (chapter 1);