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#### INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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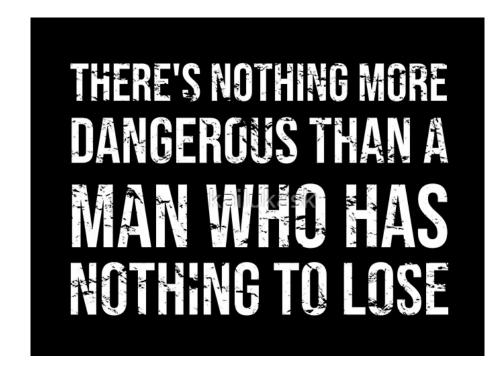
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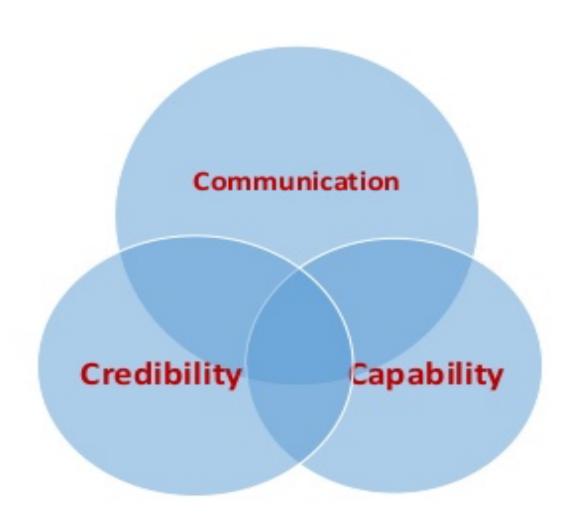
## Deterrence: Scope

- Narrow Conception: Only military tools of statecraft (the threat of military response)
- Broad Conception: Expands the scope of nonmilitary actions to include threats of economic sanctions, diplomatic exclusion, information operations
- Why is using a broader concept important?
  - Threat-based deterrence strategies can provoke the very conflicts they are meant to avoid
  - Actions taken to punish an aggressor can create a desperate situation in which the aggressor ends up believing that war is its only option



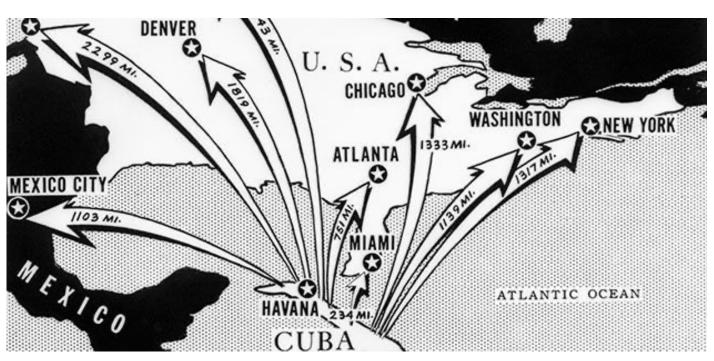
## Coercive Diplomacy

- "Defensive strategy that is employed to deal with the efforts of an adversary to change a status quo situation in his own favor, by persuading the adversary to stop what it is doing or to undo what it had done" (Alexander George)
- Prerequisites of a successful deterrence
  - Communication!
  - Diplomatic action + military force used to force the opponent to back down



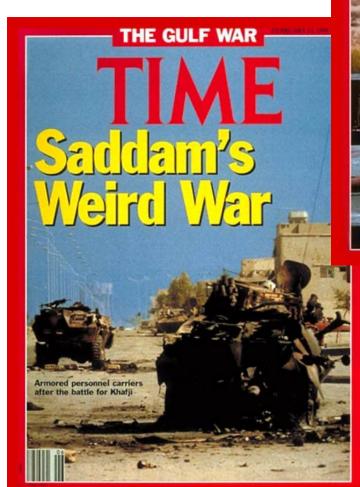
## The Cuban Missile Crisis

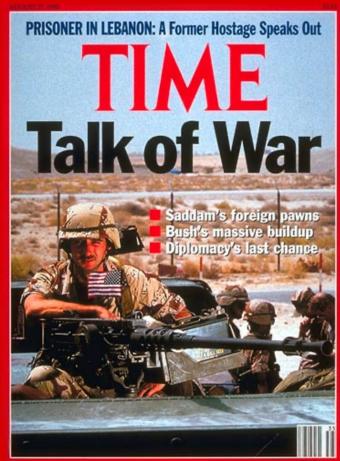
- Success => Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)
  - The Soviet Union deployed ballistic missiles into Cub
  - U.S. President Kennedy successfully employed coercive diplomacy to compel the Soviet Union to remove them
- Kennedy' limited demands
- Kennedy limited the initial means of coercion
- Khrushchev + Kennedy followed operational principles of crisis management



## The Gulf War

- Failure => The First Gulf War (1990-1991)
  - Coercive diplomacy failed to persuade Saddam Hussein to remove military forces from Kuwait
  - Military force was eventually used to remove Iraqi forces from Kuwait (Operation Desert Storm)





## Failed/Fragile States



## Why States?

- The Leviathan (Hobbes)
  - Metaphor for the state
  - Artificial organ whose body is made up of its citizens
  - The head of the Leviathan is the sovereign
- To protect us from inevitable anarchy, Hobbes argued, we need a leader & protector (sovereign), whose position is governed by a contract with the people ('Social Contract')
- People trade in certain rights, freedoms in exchange of protection + security

### LEVIATHAN



#### THOMAS HOBBES

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## Definitions

Fragile/Failed region/state: "... has weak capacities to carry out basic governance functions and lacks the ability to develop mutually constructive relations with society



- Collapse of state institutions, especially the police + judiciary => Paralysis of governance,
   breakdown of law & order, general banditry and chaos
- Government cannot/will not deliver core functions to most of its people
- 'Fragility' => Combination of exposure to risk + insufficient coping capacity of the state, systems and/or communities to manage, absorb or mitigate those risks
  - Can lead to violence, poverty, inequality, displacement, environmental + political degradation

Two sources of "failure" => External/Internal



#### External:

State is unable to meet its obligations as a member of the system of states

#### Internal:

- The state is unable to meet the basic needs of its citizens (social, economic, legal + political services) and safe-guard the public
- Internal disintegration of a state => Economic devastation, social fragmentation ...
- Governmental collapse => Lose of the right to rule, legitimacy



- State authority: State lacks clear international sovereign status, cannot control its borders; one or more groups subjected to violence or not provided security
- Effective political power: The power of the executive is not subject to controls; no effective channels for political participation
- <u>Economic management</u>: Weak or partial financial management tools; no transparency in the public management of natural resource extraction
- Administrative capacity to deliver services: The state levies less than 15% of GDP in tax; access to public services for specific regions of the country deliberately limited
- Loss of physical control of territory/monopoly on the legitimate use of force
- Erosion of legitimate authority to make collective decisions

#### Indicators of fragility and vulnerability =>

- Political Indicators (de-legitimisation of the state, progressive deterioration of the public service, widespread violation of human rights ...)
- Social Indicators (demographic pressures, massive movement of refugees/internally displaced peoples, legacy of vengeance-seeking group grievance ...)
- Economic Indicators (uneven economic development affecting fractions of the population)
- Environmental indicators (Risks of disasters generated by natural forces and/or interaction between the environment & human activities)

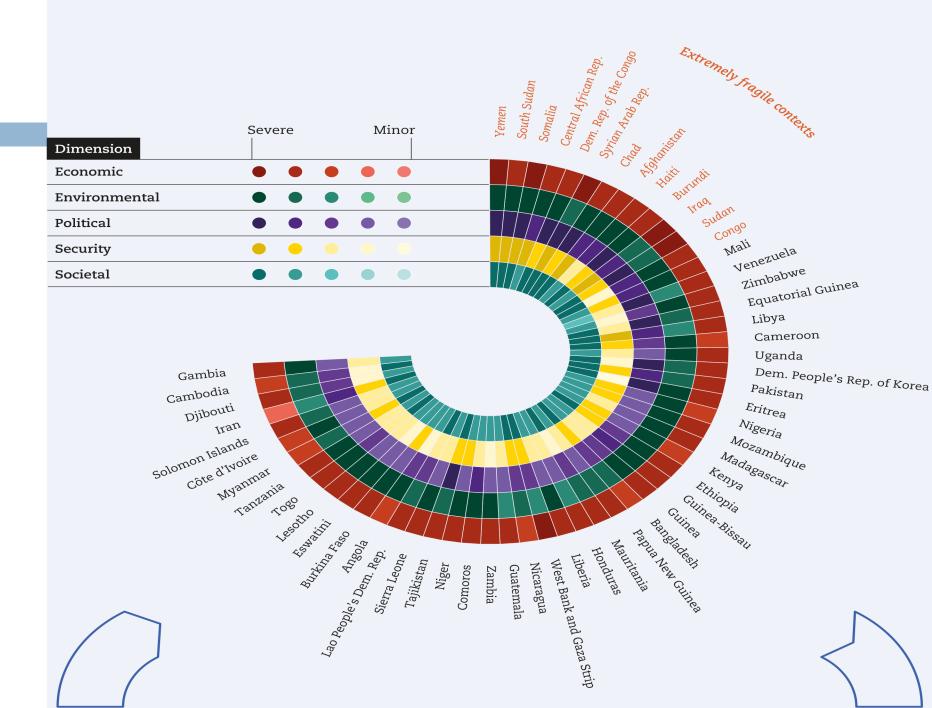


#### Indicators of fragility and vulnerability =>

- Fragility is expressed in different ways across the economic, environmental, political, security and societal dimensions (human capital dimension forthcoming)
  - Measured on a spectrum of intensity
- Each dimension is represented by 8-12 indicators
- 2020: 57 fragile countries + territories, 13 are extremely fragile



# OECD fragility framework 2020



#### **Population**

1.8 billion people, or 23%, of the world's population are living in fragile contexts in 2020. This figure is projected to grow to 2.2 billion by 2030 and 3.0 billion by 2050, which will represent 26% and 31%, respectively, of the total world population. 123% living in fragile contexts

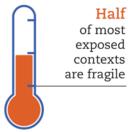


In 2020, 43% of the population in fragile contexts is living in urban areas, compared to 54% of the population in non-fragile contexts. This share is expected to increase to 48% in fragile contexts by 2030 and to 59% by 2050.



#### Climate and environment

Half of the 48 contexts most exposed to climate change are fragile; together, they account for 61% of the total population of fragile contexts.



Half

of most

exposed

contexts

Source: ND-GAIN Country Index

Source: World Population Prospects, 2019

#### Youth

A third of the world's children (670 million) are living in fragile contexts in 2020, and they make up 38% of the total population of fragile contexts. This figure underscores the importance of human capital investments.

1670 million

under the age of 14 are living in fragile contexts



Poverty

Geography

In 2020, fragile contexts are home to an estimated 76.5% of people living in extreme poverty (460 million). An additional 26 million people are expected to fall into extreme poverty due to the impact of COVID-19 in fragile contexts.

Source: World Urbanization Prospects, 2018

76.5% of people in extreme poverty



7 of top 10

were fragile

contexts

refugee-hosting

Governance

In 2019, 35 fragile contexts were classified as authoritarian regimes; 17 were hybrid regimes; and 2 were flawed democracies.



Source: World Bank

#### Source: World Population Prospects, 2019

Violence and armed conflict

Fragile contexts accounted for 76% of all active, state-based violent conflicts and 96% of all deaths from state-based armed conflict in 2019.

76%

of active state-based violent conflicts were in fragile contexts



#### Forced displacement

In 2019, fragile contexts hosted 13.5 million refugees, and 7 of the top 10 refugee-hosting developing contexts were fragile. A total of 18.4 million refugees originated from fragile contexts, compared to 1.5 million refugees from non-fragile, developing contexts.

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit Democracy Index, 2019

#### Food insecurity

In 2019, 44 of the 55 food-insecure contexts were fragile, accounting for 128 million (95% of global total) acutely food-insecure people in crisis or worse.



Source: UNHCR Refugee Statistics

Source: World Food Programme Global Report on Food Crises 2020

Source: Uppsala Conflict Data Program

## The Fragile States Index

Published by "Fund for Peace", U.S. non-profit, NGO, research + educational institution



#### Facets

- Twelve indicators (social, economic, political, cohesion)
- Zero (most sustainable) to 10 (least sustainable) scale
- Final score is sum of all twelve indicator scores

#### **POLITICAL**

#### INDICATORS











S1: Demographic Pressures

AND CROSS-CUTTING INDICATORS



P1: State Legitimacy

P2: Public Services

P3: Human Rights and Rule of Law

#### **COHESION**

#### INDICATORS







#### **ECONOMIC**

S2: Refugees and IDPs

X1: External Intervention

#### INDICATORS

SOCIAL







E1: Economic Decline

E2: Uneven Economic Development

E3: Human Flight and Brain Drain

C1: Security Apparatus

C2: Factionalized Elites

C3: Group Grievance

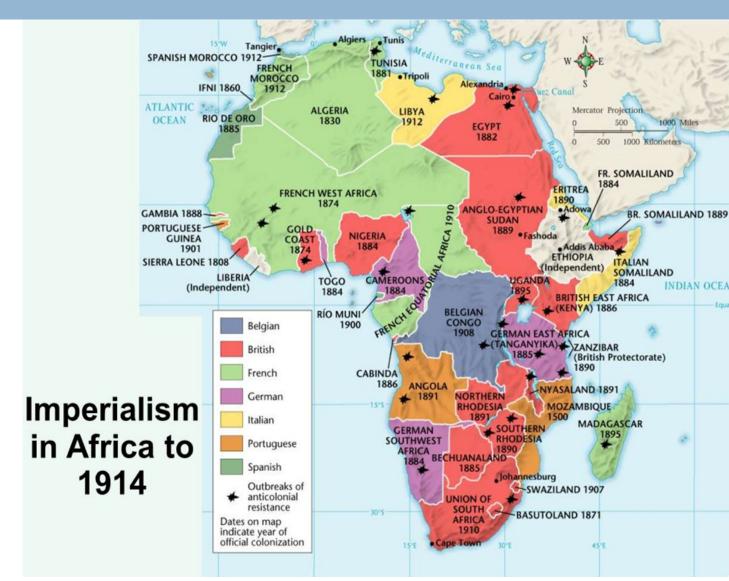
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## Why do States Fail?

 Multileveled => Historical reasons, power relations, political economy

#### Colonial Legacies =>

- Artificial borders
- Low levels of development
- Extreme poverty and debt
- Premature independence
  - lacking state institutions
  - Incompetent governance



## Why do States Fail?

#### The Politics of the Cold War

During the cold war => The great powers had an Interest in supporting some third world newly independent states and preserving the situation in others



- Local struggles that could have led the two superpowers to direct conflict were 'frozen'
- Proxy Wars as part of cold war competition
- Post cold war => Factions and rival domestic forces were strengthened, many states lost authoritative legitimacy => Conflicts
  - Destabilization of the region





## Negative International influence

- Stripped out of Natural resources
- Neighboring civil wars
- Neighboring instability
- Neighbor's refugees

#### SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

#### **FAMILIES FLEEING VIOLENCE**

More than 11 million Syrians are on the run, including some 5.6 million who have been forced to seek safety in neighboring countries. Inside Syria, more than 6.2 million people are displaced and 13.1 million are still in need of humanitarian assistance.





TURKEY 3,600,000

SYRIA 6,200,000 million people internally displaced

> IRAQ **250,000**



## Where's the Problem?

- Fragile states and poverty are intertwined
  - Breakdown of public health, infrastructure
     => famine, epidemics => Abuses of human
     rights
  - By 2030, 60% of the world's poor will be concentrated in fragile states
- Growing consensus: human rights are an international concern
- Widespread violation of human rights seen as a de facto threat to peace



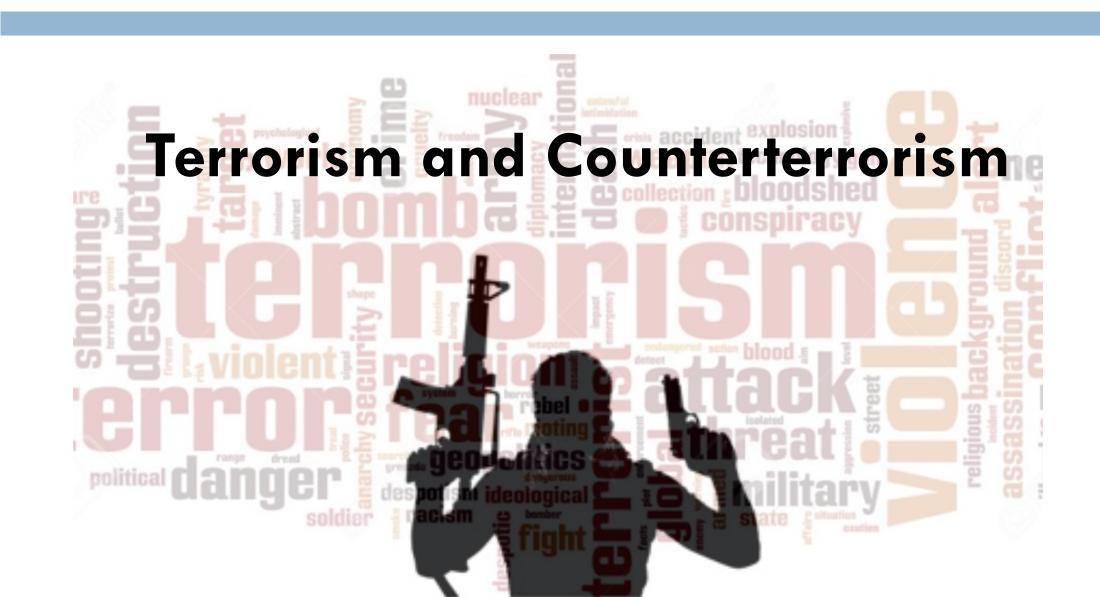


## Where's the Problem?

- Collapsed states induce regional instability =>
  - Domino effect/spill over to neighbouring states: 'Neighbourhood costs': Refugee flows, Economic stress, Political instability
- Failed states usually do not constitute a direct national security threat to nonneighbors



The threat is indirect, through the results of failure => State is NOT in control of its territory: Safe haven for terrorists



## Introduction



- The term 'Terrorism' is not subject to a universally agreed upon definition
  - Difficulty in agreeing on a basis for determining when the use of violence is legitimate
  - Bias to exclude governments
- Criminal justice responses to terrorism vary between States, though 9/11 let to greater international cooperation concerning counter-terrorism
- 'Terrorism' ('terrorisme': dread) initially described violence directed at suspected enemies of the state during the period of the French Revolution (1793-1794)
  - An instrument of the state
- Not a new phenomena

## **Definitions**



UN => Any act "intended to cause death or serious bodily harm to civilians or non-combatants with the purpose of intimidating a population or compelling a government or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act"

US => Activities that (A) involve **violent acts**/acts dangerous to human life that are a **violation** of the **criminal laws** of the US or of any State ...

(B) appear to be intended—(i) to **intimidate/coerce** a **civilian population**;

(ii )to **influence** the **policy** of a government by intimidation/coercion; or

(iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping ...

damage a country/international organization where committed with the aim of: seriously intimidating a population; unduly compelling a government or international organization to perform/abstain from performing any act; or seriously destabilizing or destroying the fundamental political, constitutional, economic or social structures of a country/international organization

## **Definitions**



- Common Themes:
  - Type => Criminal Acts of violence
  - Motivation => Politically motivated
  - Target => Perpetrated against civilian targets
  - Modus Operandi/Tactic => Inducing fear/intimidation/coercion
  - Goal => Influence governmental decision-making
  - Premeditated
  - Agent => Non state actor, not during a war



## Next Session...

Counterterrorism

Cyber Security in International Relations

Cyberspace as a battlefield

