

Why are we talking about realism?

What
is realism?



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PEARL HARBOR was an inside job, there's no way Japanese planes could've flown THIS distance in 1931. Wake up retards and realise your government has been lying to you, JAPAN is innocent





What is realism?

Thucydides the OG realist



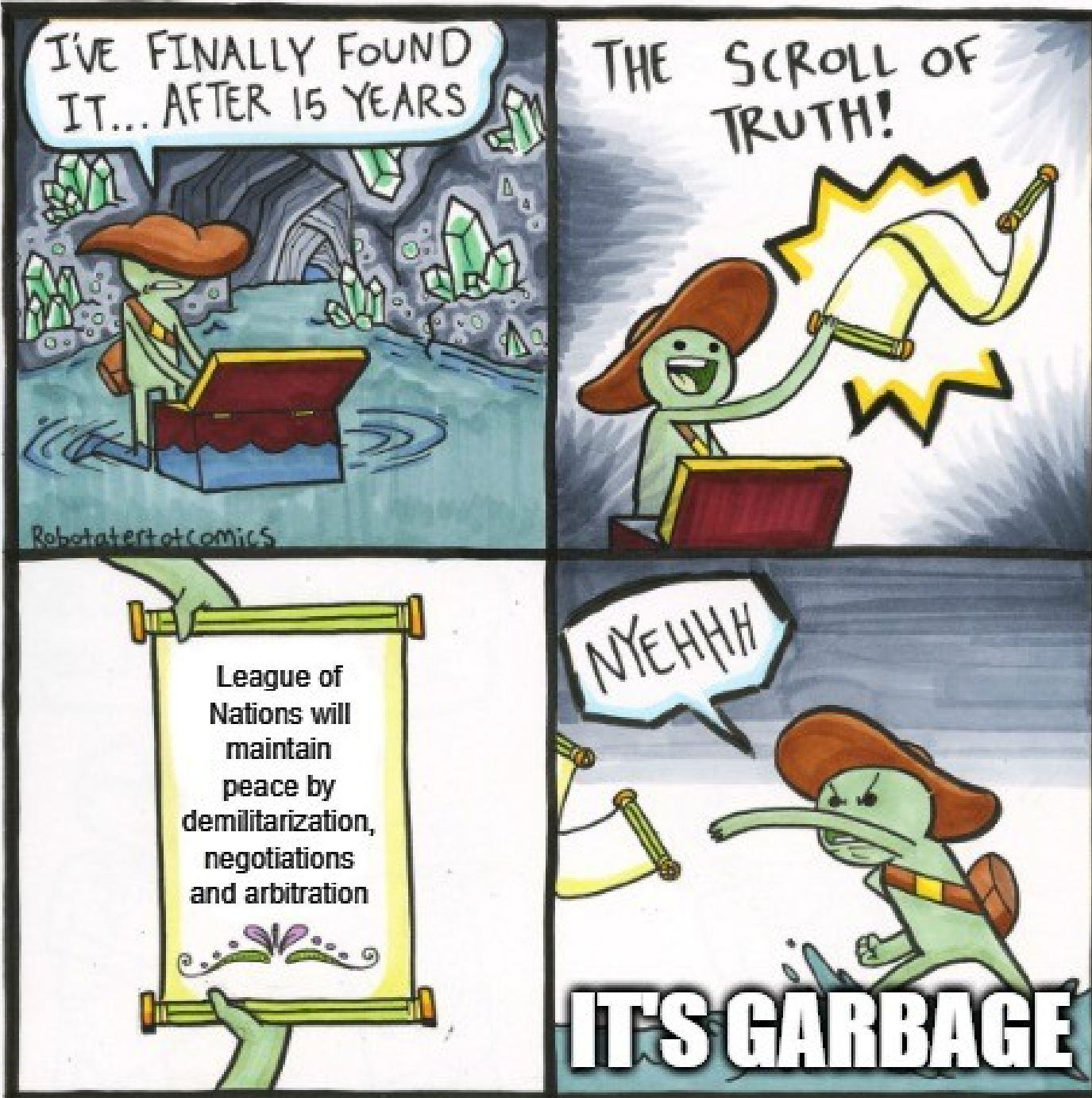
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about other women

"How could I explain
wars as a rational conduct
of states in power politics?"



Thomas Hobbes



Realism (as a modern school of thought) begins in the wake of World War 2



"make a bunch of totally unreasonable assumptions about human nature to explain it all"-ism



realism



State as the key actor of international politics



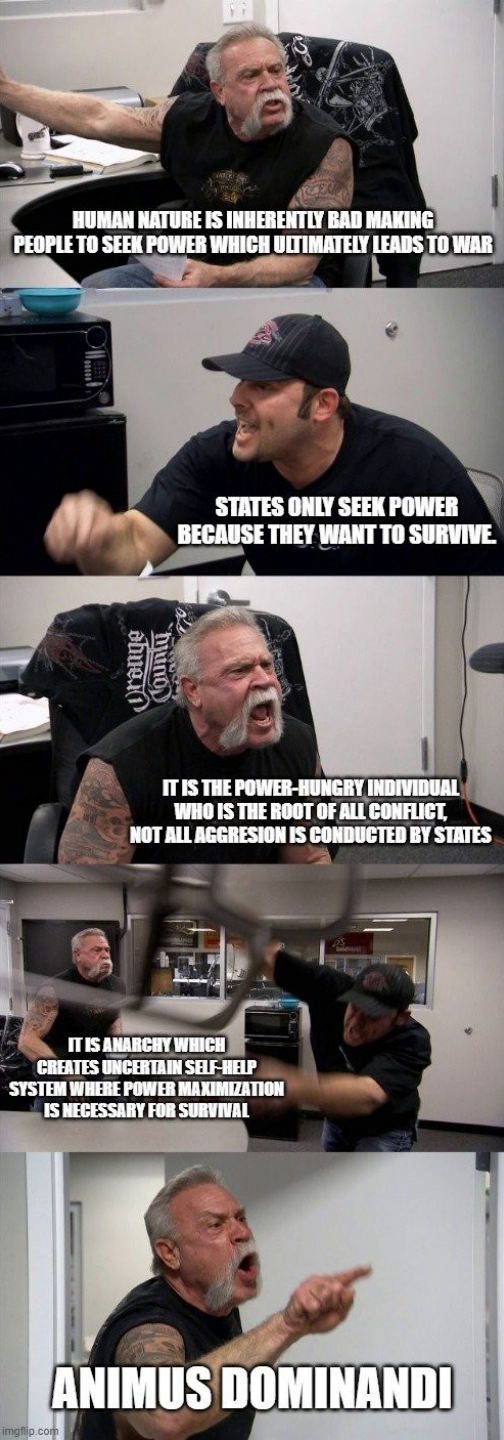
**DATA COLLECTION,
BEHAVIORALISM,
FINDING
BASIC CORRELATIONS**

**INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS
WANTING TO BE
MORE SCIENTIFIC**

**HISTORICAL
APPROACH
OF REALISM**

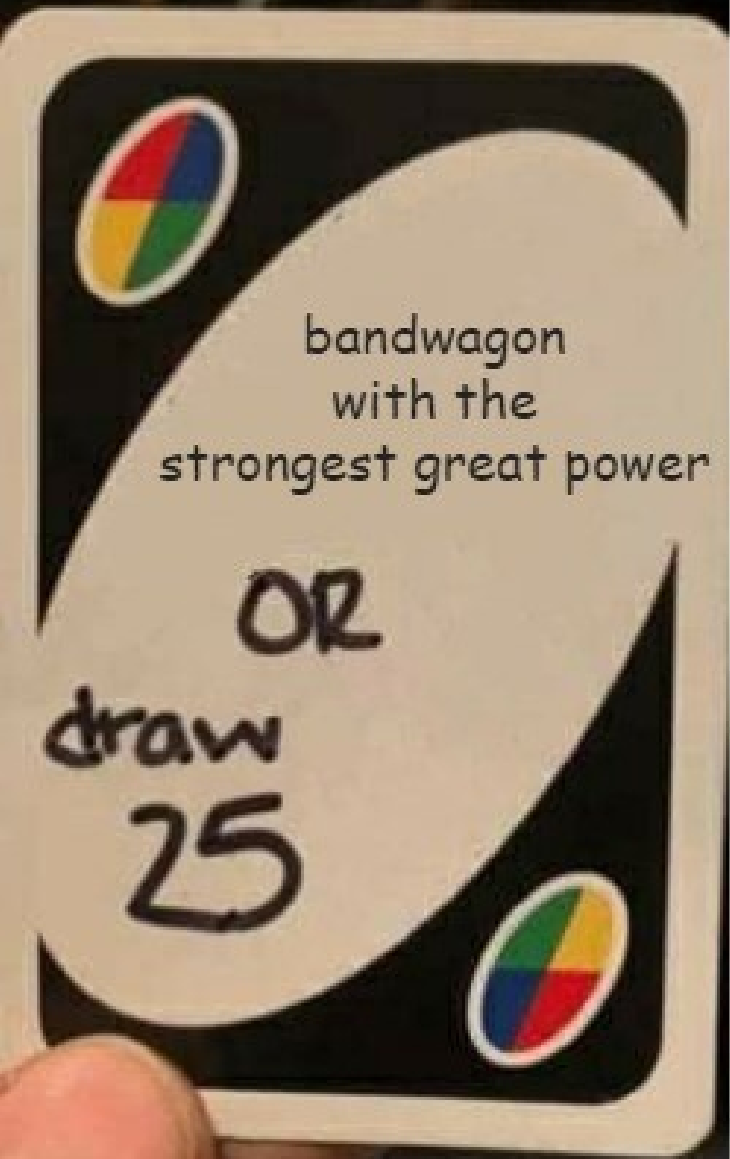
Crisis of
classical
realism

Structural realism



ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY ASSUME

ANARCHY IS A SELF-HELP SYSTEM CREATING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF OTHERS LEADING STATES TO BALANCE POWER AND ENGAGE IN WARS



rational states maximizing their chances of survival by joining the balancing coalition



Balance of power

Offensive realism



States will maximize power under all circumstances and attempt to achieve hegemony if possible

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Defensive realism



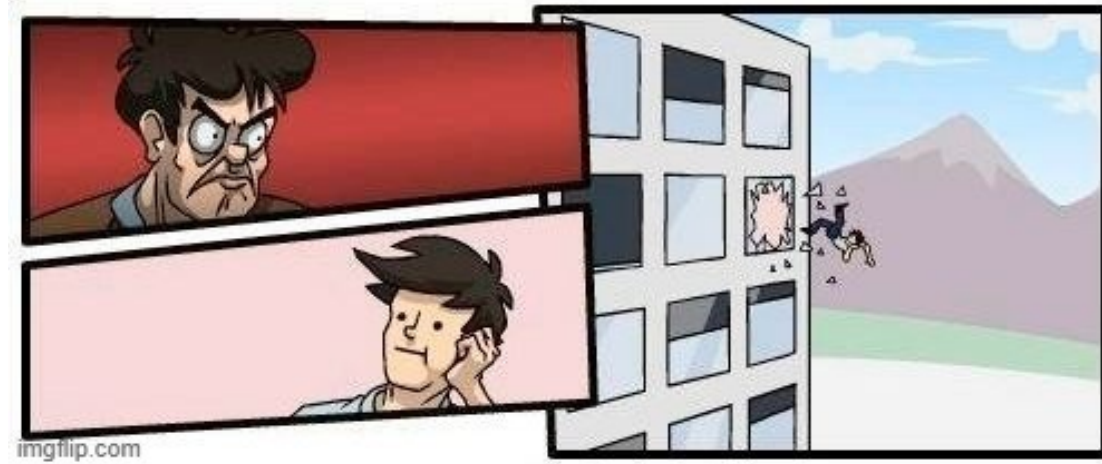
States only seek enough power so they can be safe, too much power will invite a balancing coalition

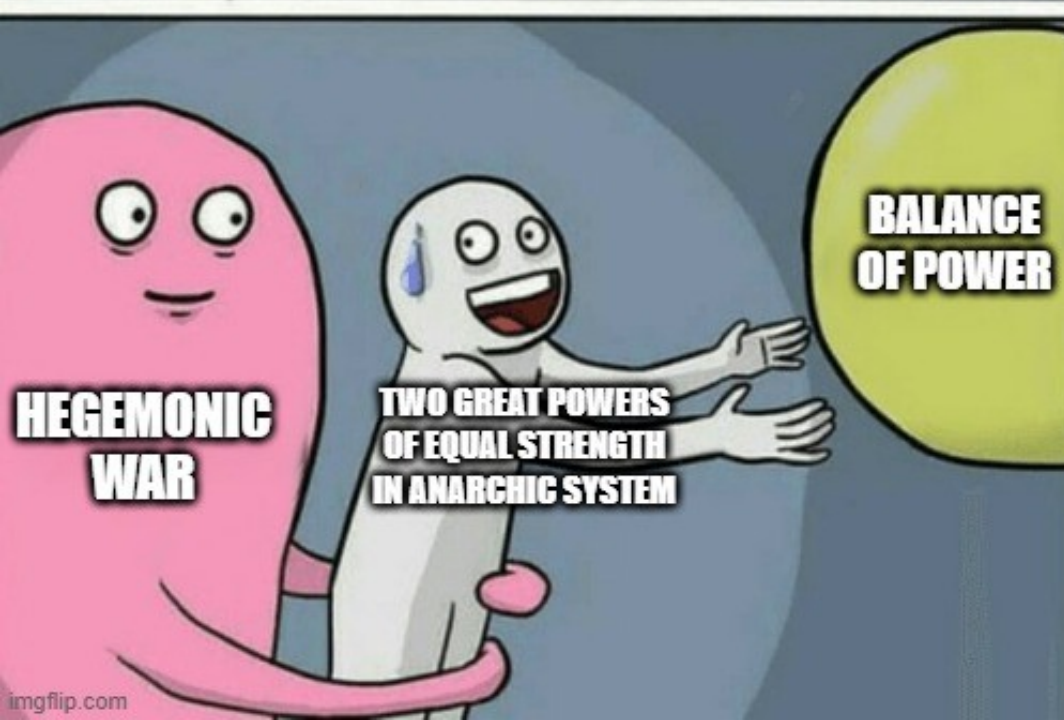
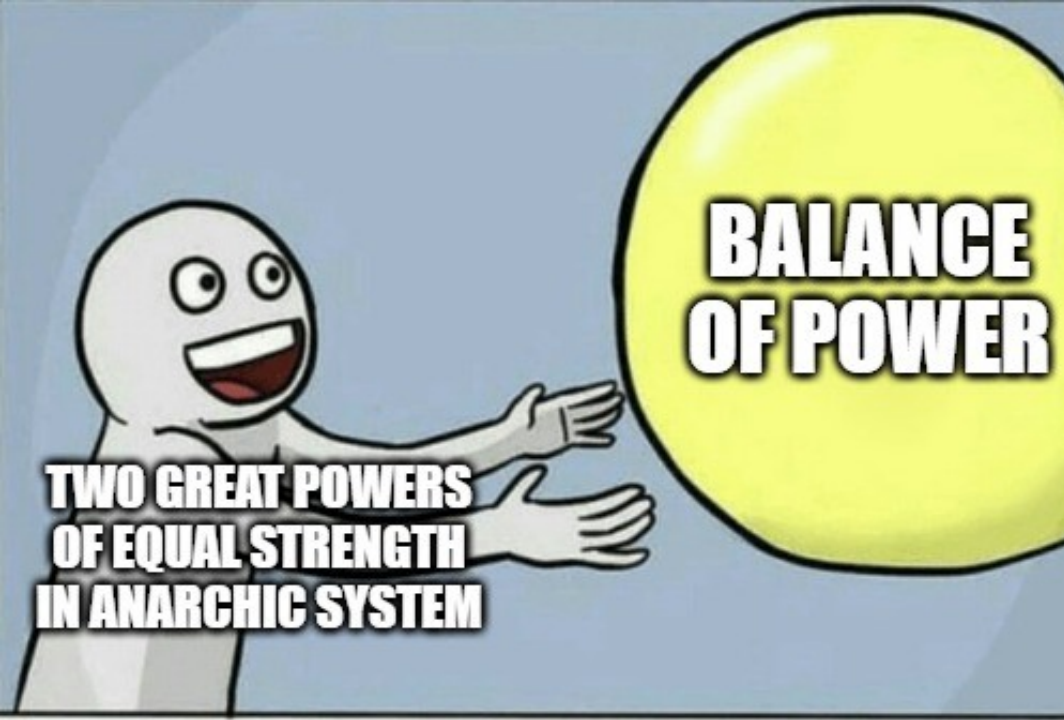


The effects of polarity



Neoclassical realism





The two realist traditions



hegemonic
war



Thucydides
trap

Different strategies in realist theories

**POWER
BALANCING**



**BUCK
PASSING**



BANDWAGONING



**BLOOD
LETTING**



Realist views of energy security