WAR

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Discussion

● What is war?
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- If you want peace, understand war

- Definitions of war
  - Wright: Violent contact of distinct but similar entities
  - Clausewitz: Act of force intended to compel our enemy to do our will
  - Bull: Organized violence carried on by political units against each other
War and the state

- Integrally connected
  - War has organizing effects even as it creates disorder
  - War makes states, and states make war
  - Modern nation state arose out of war
Evolution of War

- Napoleon: Harnessed the French masses to war
- Modern war: Industrialized, nationalistic, and rules
  - Jus ad bellum
  - Jus in bello
Post-Modern war

- Decline in national identity
- Weakening of the state
- Increased role of media
- Outsourcing of war
- Post-heroic warfare
- Revolution in Military Affairs
- Covert action*
Discussion

- Do you agree: “if you want peace, understand war”?
New Wars

- End of Cold War = outbreak of violence
- Processes of integration and fragmentation, homogenization and diversification, globalization and localization create pressures in society
- Struggle for control of the state
- Breakdown in class and ideology
- Sub-state rather than interstate
IR Theory and War

- (Neo)Realism: War is perpetual
- Neoliberalism: War is constant, but there are ways to reduce it
- Liberalism: War can be eliminated
- Marxism: Capitalism causes war
- Constructivism: Nothing inevitable about war
- Standpoint Feminism: War is a product of male domination
- Liberal Feminism: Women excluded from the centres of power