Human Security
Peer Discussion

• What is human security, and is it a useful idea?
Human Security

- Effort to redefine security away from the state
- Draw attention to the ways in the state harms security
- Individual is the referent
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- Economic security (basic income)
- Food security (access to basic food)
- Environmental security (safety from natural and human environmental threats)
- Personal security (physical safety)
- Community security (community relations and values)
- Political security (Basic human rights)
Human Security

- Solution: Human development
- Freedom from fear
- Freedom from want
  - What role for structural violence?
- Critics
  - Concept too broad to be analytically useful
  - Often unmatched by policy
  - State is still the primary provider of security
- Gender plays an important role in human security
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* How do you preserve or guarantee human security?