

### What is Strategy?

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| Strategy       | Use of military force to achieve political objectives                                   |
|                | When choosing between multiple ways of acting, strategy is choosing the best way to act |
| Grand Strategy | Use and organisation of all natural resources to achieve political objectives           |
| Security       | Freedom from threats to core values                                                     |

### Strategic Theory

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| Strategic theory                                 | Different methods for winning wars                                                                             |
| Clausewitz - War and 4 contexts (essence of war) | Killing and dying                                                                                              |
|                                                  | contest between armies, generals and states (competition mental and physical)                                  |
|                                                  | War= Instrument of policy                                                                                      |
|                                                  | War= Social activity                                                                                           |
| Clausewitz - The Trinity (who controls war)      | People - passion                                                                                               |
|                                                  | Military - chance                                                                                              |
|                                                  | Government - reason (determines aims and means)                                                                |
| Clausewitz - Nature of War (understanding enemy) | Centre of gravity - i. Enemy's army ii. Enemy's capital city iii. Principal ally iv. Leader vi. Public opinion |

### Strategic Theory (cont)

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| Clausewitz - Limited vs Unlimited War | Limited - territory or leverage for bargaining                                                           |
|                                       | Unlimited - overthrow and be prepared with new government                                                |
| Clausewitz - Calculus                 | Ends justify means                                                                                       |
| Clausewitz - Friction                 | i. Danger posed by enemy ii. Efforts required by own forces iii. Difficult environment. vi. intelligence |
| Sun Tzu - Strategic preference        | War without blood                                                                                        |
|                                       | Enemy's 1) strategy 2) alliances 3) army                                                                 |
| Sun Tzu - Intelligence                | Matters only compared to enemy (think Ukraine vs Russia territory knowledge)                             |
|                                       | Quality > quantity                                                                                       |
| Mao - Three step plan                 | Revolution and strategic defence                                                                         |
|                                       | Guerilla and strategic stalemate                                                                         |
|                                       | Strategic counter-offensive and defeat                                                                   |

### Modern Warfare

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| Napoleon          | Europe from limited Warfare, to full mobilisation (conscription) |
| Industrialisation | Railways, steamships, telegraph - big armies                     |
|                   | New weapons                                                      |
|                   | Heavy casualties                                                 |

### Modern Warfare (cont)

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|                               | Naval - steamships, transport                                                                                           |
| Total War vs Absolute War     | Total - Drawing on all resources, conscription, economy towards war effort. Absolute war- fighting without restrictions |
| Nuclear weapons               | Ended total war era                                                                                                     |
| Perception-Reality gap        | International law is ignored vs international law usually obeyed                                                        |
|                               | Military conflict usual vs exception                                                                                    |
|                               | International law regulates force vs regulates all inter--state aspects                                                 |
|                               | Law is prohibiting vs facilitating                                                                                      |
| Why follow International Law? | Legitimacy                                                                                                              |
|                               | Fear of coercion and consequences, self-interests                                                                       |
| Ad Bellum - before war        | Limit resort to military forces                                                                                         |
|                               | UN Articles 2(3-4) Settle disputes by peaceful means and don't use force                                                |
|                               | Chapter 7 UN - Right to self-defence                                                                                    |

### Law and use of force (cont)

UN Security council decides if it is legal or not, allows force. Strategically needed if you are a leader, so does not backfire (Tony Blair)

In Bello  
- in war

Geneva Convention 1949 - Victims of war

Hague Convention 1899 and 1907 - Conduct of warfare

### Technology and War

Technology and War Reflects the priorities of that country, environment. Speed or defence?

Quantity vs quality Increase in speed, protection, mobility= quality

Increase in amounts of the weapons = quantity

New era of warfare Prioritised quality

Specialisation of military equipment

Commercial technology importance

Asymmetrical Warfare Better technology vs guerilla

Motivation very important

Challenges today News coverage

Hard for military to find new people - possibilities outside military

### Conventional Power and Contemporary Warfare

### Geopolitics and Grand Strategy

### Causes of War

Human beings as causes Inclined towards violence

Social psycho-logists aggression= results of frustration

Wars from misconceptions

Group thinking

Democratic Peace theory Democracies go to war, but not against each other

Bargaining theory Indivisible stakes

### Nuclear Weapons

Nuclear deterrence Soviets would not attack NATO, if convinced that they would retaliate with nuclear

Just because high probability that something wont happen doesnt mean that it wont (take North Korea using Nuclear Weapons, or Russia using Nuclear)

Nuclear ages First Nuclear age 1945-1991, Second Nuclear Age now

Now more states have nuclear, less nuclear weapons overall

Deterrence Preventing another state from doing something - making them keep their passive stance

### Nuclear Weapons (cont)

Denial - Ability to win battle, being strong enough and therefore deterring. Like having a fortress around a castle

Trip Wire - Being credible in "punishing" as a response

Sometimes it is not obvious whether you are stronger than opponent (SK, Taiwan)

NATO - trip wire. Will US risk for us? All about blowing up the conflict. If small conflict in Finland how make pay attention

Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT) Officially NPT acknowledges Russia, US, China, UK, France

### Cyber Conflict and Great Powers