

## Today's Agenda

Revised Schedule

State and Societal Level Arguments

## For Thursday

If you haven't turned in your question and quote for chapter 5, please do so by then.

What does this quote mean? "A theory of foreign policy is not a theory of international politics."

- IP is how countries relate to one another.
- FP is how a country puts together its doctrine or grand strategy for \*generally\* dealing with other states and related internal policies (such as military planning, diplomacy, and trade).

## Marxist-Leninist Theories of Imperialism and War

- Assumptions
  - War is costly for society
  - The benefits of war are smaller than the costs of war
  - But, the capitalist class benefits from war and is ultimately responsible for war
- How does the "core" and "periphery" fit into this theory?
  - The core are the industrial states dominated by capitalists.
  - Periphery are non-core territories that are more traditional

economically, typically exploited for raw materials.

- Underconsumption: competition for markets leads to war.
- Surplus capital: need colonies for surplus investment.
- Raw materials: competition for raw materials leads to war.
- Military Keynesianism: stimulate the economy through military spending.
  - Merchants of Death
  - Military-Industrial Complex

### Your questions

- Does the core and periphery extend into today's international system?
- How would these theories explain non-capitalist (or pre-capitalist) states that engage in aggressive foreign policy?

### Schumpeter and military elites

#### Coalitional Models

- Changes third assumption of Marxist-Leninist theories:
  - But, some small coalition of elites benefits from war and is ultimately responsible for war.
- What is meant by "logrolled"?
  - Issue linkage.
- Rational elites use rhetoric ("strategic myths") to convince the masses that expansionism is in their interest too.
- "Cartelized political systems dominated by distinct concentrated interests" more likely to fall victim to logrolling expansionism.
- Your questions

- Does Snyder place too much attention on a free media as a "check" against runaway expansionist policies?