

* Types of International Conflict

A. There Are Two Types of Conflict At the International (Systemic) Level;

1. Historically Contingent - Patterns of Conflict + Generated By Specific Histories

2. Objective Conflict! Conflict Generated by Objective Shifts In the Balance of Power That Create Imbalances of Specific Threats To the Sovereignty + Security of One or More Major Powers

B. Historically Contingent Conflict (Europe - 1914)

1. France - Germany -
The Legacy of 1870-71

2. Germany - Gt. Britain -
Naval Arms Race, The
Problem of Belgium

3. Germany - Russia - The
Fetters of Aus-Hungary;
Conflict Over Spheres of
Influence in Eastern Europe
The Balkans

4. Russia - Aus-Hungary -
The Survival of Austria-
Hungary; Russian Expansion

I. Hegemonic Threat, Hegemonic War, And Objective Threat

A Hegemon - Potentially
Hegemonic Within An
Anarchic System

1. Hegemon - Predominant
Power

2. Objective Threat -
Threatens Sovereignty of
All Other Powers In System

a. Hegemon Can Dictate
Policies Counter To The Interests
of Other States

3. Hegemons Cannot Be Defeated
by Any Other Power In System, Can Be
Defeated by COALITION

I. B. A Rising (Potential Hegemon) will therefore Trigger Countering Behavior:

1. Balance To Block Other States (Power will Ally to Block (Counter) the Hegemonic Power.

2. This Significantly Increases the Probability of WAR:

a. Other Powers May Attack Potential Hegemon to End Threat
b. Hegemonial Potential Power May Attack To Preempt Containment of Future Attack
c. Adversaries

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A. Germany - 1914

B. Germany - U.S.S.R. 1930's-59

C. East Asia -

1. China - Japan -
1920's - 1930's

2. U.S. - Japan - 1930's

3. December 7, 1941

3. China - 1990's - 2000's

4. Iran - 1990's - 2000's

5. Russia (Eastern Europe)

2000's