

## International Security: A Very Short Introduction

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### Questions for Thought and Discussion

- What's at stake in debates about the meaning of security?
- Does the gaining of security for one group necessarily come at the expense of others' insecurity?
- What do members of your group think are the major international security issues today? Why?
- What does the nuclear non-proliferation regime tell us about the prospects for avoiding war?
- Assess the importance of the United Nations to international peace and security?
- Should the international community intervene to prevent gross violations of human rights and crimes against humanity? Why is agreeing on such actions so difficult?
- How important are culture and identity to understanding the causes and vectors of contemporary conflicts?
- What impact has the Revolution in Military Affairs had on international security?
- Does your group think the use of drones in strike operations enhances or undermines international security? Can their use be justified?
- Should we be concerned that matters of national and international security are increasingly being outsourced to private companies?
- Should development and human security be prioritised over more traditional concerns on national and international security agendas?
- What are the major causes of underdevelopment and human insecurity and why has it proved so difficult to overcome them?
- Are proclamations about future 'resource wars' overstated? What can be done to avoid them?
- What (if anything) does the international community's response to climate change tell us about contemporary understandings of security?
- How does your group feel about the use of increasingly strident border practices in response to international migration? Are there any alternatives available?
- Is the use of 'terrorist' violence ever justified?
- Has the 'war on terror' enhanced or undermined international security?

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