Security Studies & Conflict Resolution: The Global Quest for Peace?

Chapter 6
Global Politics Origins, Currents, Directions

What is Security?

Big picture ideas to consider
- What is “security”?
- Why War?
- What are the roots of instability?

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UN operations now may involve nothing less than the reconstruction of an entire society and state. This requires a comprehensive approach, over an extended period. Security is increasingly understood to involve social, economic, environmental, and cultural aspects far beyond its traditional military dimension.

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, 1992
Why War?

- Individual level of analysis
- State or Group level of analysis
- System level/structural theory

This perspective is characterized by the theory of hegemony.
WHAT ARE THE ROOTS OF INSTABILITY?
U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says China’s special envoy to Pyongyang said nothing to her about a reported North Korean pledge to refrain from further nuclear tests.

South Korean and Japanese news reports have suggested North Korean leader Kim Jong-il indicated in a meeting with Chinese official Tang Jiaxuan this week that he was planning no further nuclear tests.

But on Saturday morning, Rice told reporters travelling with her to Moscow that she had heard nothing to suggest Kim either apologized for the test or said that he would never test again. Rice said she was given a “thorough” briefing from Tang while visiting Beijing on Friday, but came away believing Pyongyang is not ready to back down from its nuclear program.

“The North Koreans, I think, would like to see an escalation of the tension,” Rice said.