GLOBAL CHALLENGES: REDEFINING BORDERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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GLOBAL SECURITY

What threats to global security do we face today?

- Epidemics
- Terrorism
- Environmental Degradation
- Cyber Warfare
- Military Aggression
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & THE NATION-STATE

- How do our global challenges threaten the way we see the nation-state as we know it?
  - Understand nation-state as an area defined by politically distinct borders established in 20th century
  - Global challenges are redefining these traditional borders

How are we integrating technology to combat these threats?
TECHNOLOGY & MODERN WARFARE

DRONES

- What are military drones?
  - UAV’s (unmanned aerial vehicles)
  - First developed in the U.S.
  - Piloted remotely (from a base in one nation-state while used internationally)
  - Include cameras, lasers, and often loaded with missiles
  - Can be strictly surveillance
CYBER WARFARE

“involves the actions by a nation-state or international organization to attack and attempt to damage another nation’s computers or information networks through, for example, computer viruses or denial-of-service attacks”

United States Data Breaches in 2014
- Sony
- Staples
- JP Morgan
- Target
- U.S. Government Departments

Technological and political threat

What are the implications of cyber warfare? What are the dangers posed to governments and civil society?
NON-STATE ACTORS

- What non-state actors have we mentioned this year?
  - NGOs, MNCs,
  - Not all non-state actors act with good intentions

- What non-state actors are actively threatening borders? How do they do so?
  - Bring material destruction and death
  - Threaten government stability and damage infrastructure
  - Actively take over territory and seize power
  - Examples: ISIS in Syria, Boko Haram in Nigeria, Al Qaeda
WHAT IS TERRORISM?
DEFINITIONS OF TERRORISM

There is no one agreed definition.

United Nations:
- United Nations reflects the opinions of its members
- Since all member-states cannot agree on one definition, there is no clear definition of terrorism by the United Nations
- Why can the nation-states not come to a consensus on a definition?
  - Freedom Fighters/Revolutionaries vs. Terrorists
  - Political Isolation (US does not negotiate with terrorists)
- Currently, the U.N. uses a working definition based on member-state input and developments
UNITED STATES: INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Definition of International Terrorism

- **3 Characteristics**
  1. Endangering human life through violence
  2. Intend on scaring a population and pressuring change in the government
  3. Happens outside the political boundaries of the Untied States

U.S. Terrorist List

- Al Qaeda & Affiliates
- Boko Haram
- Real Irish Republican Army
- Al Shaabab
- Communist Party of the Philippines/New People’s Army
OPINIONS ON TERRORIST GROUPS

Nigerian Views of Boko Haram

Do you have a ___ opinion of Boko Haram?

- Don't know
- Favorable
- Somewhat unfavorable
- Very unfavorable

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DOMESTIC TERRORISM

What is domestic terrorism in the United States?

- “Violence against the civilian population or infrastructure of a nation – often but not always by citizens of that nation and often with intent to intimidate, coerce, or influence national policy”

- Do you think domestic terrorism and international terrorism are handled differently?
  - Is there anything we can do about international terrorism?

Examples of domestic terrorist groups

- KKK
- Animal Liberation Front
- Black Liberation Army
- Aryan Nations

Events

- Oklahoma Bombing
- Sikh Temple Shooting (Wisconsin)
- Boston Bombing
FROM TERRORISM TO EXTREMISM

- 9/11: highlighted the terror threat
  - Increased security measures (airports, classified information)
- Terrorism is usually politically-motivated
  - Claim to act in the name of religion, but do NOT represent religious tenants
  - Often distort religious philosophies to justify their actions
- Extremist groups
  - Newly emerged in 2014
  - Example: political and military emergence of ISIS
- Extremist groups often act without any set path or rhythm
GLOBAL CHALLENGES 2014 & 2015

What do you think are 2 global challenges we are facing today?

- ISIS and Ebola are both challenging borders differently
  - ISIS: political; Ebola: biological