

Small States in International
Organizations
(Part 2)

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)



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It's clear why small states value and push for national sovereignty in international organizations.

Why have many small states pushed for universal human rights in international organizations?

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Is national sovereignty at odds with universal rights?

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Research Paper: Due April 30th

- Independent academic research about one (or many) small states
- Can use secondary sources
- Word Count: 6000
- Students are encouraged to discuss their paper with Prof. Monroe

No Class Next Thursday

- Happy Wellness Day!

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Waltz, Susan. 2001.

“Universalizing human rights:
The role of small states in the
construction of the universal
declaration of human rights.”

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On Non-Intervention (Mill 1859)



Hungarian Revolution, 1848

Source: About History

Check In (I):

- According to Mill, why should large states generally* not intervene when citizens of smaller authoritarian states protest for liberty?

Mill: On Non-Intervention

“But the evil is, that if they have not sufficient love of liberty to be able to wrest it from merely domestic oppressors, the liberty which is bestowed on them by other hands than their own, will have nothing real, nothing permanent (262).”

Check In (II):

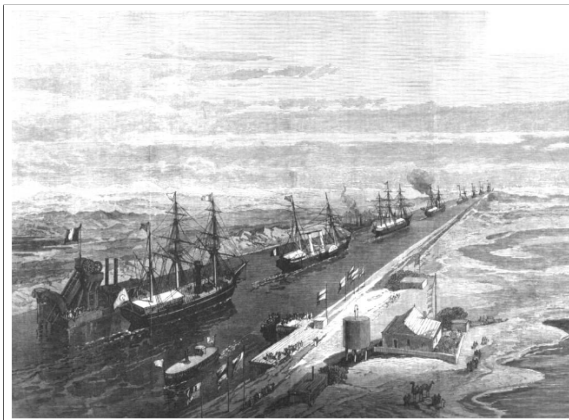
- According to Mill, under what conditions should a large state deploy force to help citizens of a small state?

Conditions:

- Citizens must be civilized (Western, Christian)
- Authoritarian government is not backed by foreign autocracies

- Is Mill an IR Realist?

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Suez Canal, 1868

Source: Victorian Web

Mill on National Interest

“England is thus exhibited as a country whose most distinguished men are not ashamed to profess, as politicians, a rule of action which no one, not utterly base, could endure to be accused of as the maxim by which he guides his private life; not to move a finger for others unless he sees his private advantage to it (255).”

How would Mill view the UNDH?

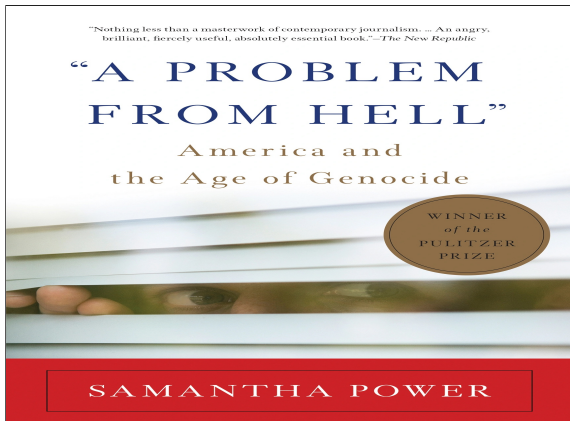
Your Turn:

What are your thoughts on Mill's Non-Intervention Theory?

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Samantha Power: A Problem from Hell



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Next Seminar (Mar. 25)

- Small States in the Shadow of Empire
 - ▶ Fiji: Capitalism's Economic Impact in Colonial Fiji, 1874 - 1939: Development or Underdevelopment?
 - ▶ Everything you always wanted to know about Guano but were afraid to ask.
 - ▶ Return of Herbst.

Have a great weekend!