



Classical





















REALISM

- "Classical" realists maintained that states like humans have innate desires to dominate others
- "Neorealist" theorists discount the role of human nature and, instead, insist that each state is in its own personal struggle to survive in an anarchic global system without a centralized power.
- "Offensive" realists argued that states were most likely to go to war if they could easily conquer others (think the militarization of the German army just before it invaded Poland in 1939), while states that found defense easier than offense were less likely to go to war (i.e., the arms race during the Cold War, where nuclear weapons have functioned as deterrents).

