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# COERCION, CAPITAL, AND EUROPEAN STATES, AD 990-1992



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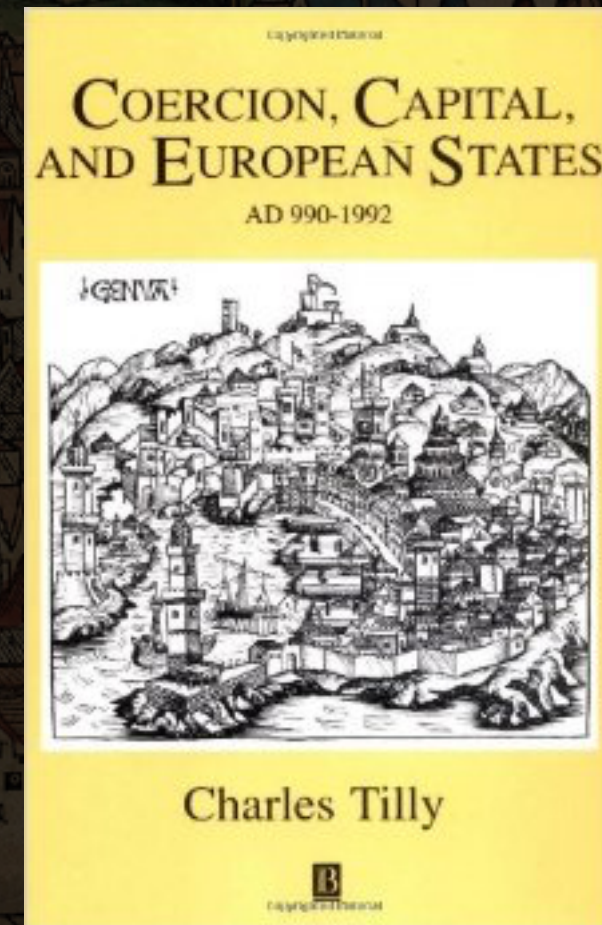


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# Why Is the Nation-State Everywhere?

- Nation-state is a political entity that joins the “state” with the cultural entity of a nation of people.
- (Whereas the U.S., the U.K., Canada, etc. may be seen as multinational states.)
- But why is the European “nation-state” the most successful polity in the world today?





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- Tilly's central paradox: "Wars made states, and states make war."
- "[T]he pursuit of war and military capacity, (after having created national states as a sort of by-product) led to a *civilianization* of government and domestic politics."
- Ultimately, Tilly insists that war and preparation for war has produced the major characteristics of the European state over the centuries.

