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- Liberalism has had three main strands of thought, but what unites these strands is the belief that "cooperation [i]s more pervasive than even the defensive version of realism allow[s]."
- Each strand focuses on a different method or means of promoting it.
 - The first insists that countries would be less likely to get into conflict if they share economic goals.
 - The second postulates that the spread of democracy can potentially end world conflict, arguing that democratic states are innately more peaceful than authoritarian ones.
 - Third, some liberal theorists argue that major international bodies like the International Energy Agency (IEA) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) could encourage states to work together and thus avoid conflict.

