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- Realist thought dominated international relations during the Cold War and "depict[ed] international affairs as a struggle for power among self-interested states."
- Given the antagonistic nature of the defining U.S.-Soviet relationship during the Cold War, it makes sense that realism would be the prevailing theory.
- Post-Cold War, realist theories have tended to focus on the potential for conflict posed by ethnic divisions, in which neighboring states seek power over each other by eliminating minority groups as in the former Yugoslavia and the Balkans in the 90s.

