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**Relationship between policy and war**

Napoleon sees war as not a measure of last resort with which to repair the failures of diplomacy; instead, it was the central element of his policy129. Integration of policy and war for 15 years as head of state and commander. Quick decision and rapid implementaition. Unity of command did not guarantee sound policy.

**Physical component**

The one concept that ever-dominated Napoleon’s actions was to be as strong for battle as possible128.

Unless compelled by circumstances, Napoleon never pursued major policy goals with inadequate military resources. He believed in the fullest employment by all means available. This is sometimes a weakness, difficult to fight limited wars with limited means. 129

If inferior frontal attack and use of masse de rupture, if superior outflank. Prefers attack, but all battles posed complex problems of the use of time and space, and expenditure of force; morale, different resources, missions of the sides, character and will of the commanders. 134

The impact of charisma and belief in absolute superiority extended from his troops to discourage enemy. Wllington term his presence is equal to 40K soldier. Army shout vive l’empereur.