

1 | Diplomacy, Kissinger

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CLAIM: European balance of power system emerged after medieval collapse

1.1 | European Power Balance

Development into model of "universality" => one emperor, one church

1.1.1 | The Holy Roman Empire

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1.1.2 | System of Raison De 'Etat

As a mean to fend off an every-growing HRE threatening France, Cardinal Richaleu came up with a system named KBhHIST201RaisonDeEtat that promises to be a better system of government.

1.2 | England, the Mediator

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1.3 | Kissinger's Take Home Messages

And I quote:

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- Power is difficult to access
- Equilibrium best achieved if they are in common interest
- Balance of power inhibits capacity to overthrow order
- Agreement on shared values inhibits desire to overthrow order
- Power without legitimacy tempts dangerous strength tests
- Legitimacy without power tempts empty power tests

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Kissinger sees himself as American Richlieu.

End result of Raison d'etat

1. Others form a coalition against the ruthless nation => balance of power is eventually achieved
2. Unipolar dominance of a world system/world hegemony => too dominant to fight back against

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- Consolidation for political power (310-311)
- Administrative centralization: italian city-state strategies to govern countries
- Seizing Church power and property during the Reformation: Catholics trade away political power to re-affirm their religious
- Development of military technology becomes too expensive to do rurally to larger factories in a city: standing army cannot be tracked in a local level

The renaissance brings two things: either harness renaissance energy to do innovation or harness reformation energy to unify Europe — if someone has the ability to have warfare.