

1 ICC (3/25/25)

- Came into effect in 2003
- 123+ states have ratified treaty
- 31+ cases currently before the court
- US Role in Afghanistan
- Israel/Hamas
- Ukraine
- Investigations (go investigate on the ground in order to figure out *what* is happening)
- Cases (actual trials which levy charges)
- Investigate people *in* the state, but not *the* state.
- The ICJ targets *Nation-states*, whereas the ICC targets *people*.
- Large amount of investigations in African Countries. Incredibly horrid cases, but still need to be justified that they are *not* targeting African countries

1.1 Rome Treaty (1998)

meeting among over a hundred states to create a permanent system for jurisdiction over genocide, crimes against humanity

1.1.1 Crimes against humanity

- Murder
- Extermination
- Enslavement
- Deportation or forceful transfer of population (Israel)

1.1.2 War Crimes

- Willful killing
- Torture or inhumane treatment, including experiments (Nazis, Japanese)
- willfully causing great suffering
- forcing a POW to do something

1.1.3 Crime of Aggression

- The invasion or attack of a state...

1.2 Goals

- Deter further crime
- Hold people accountable
- Justice

1.3 US opp

If the US joined in the ICC, it would give it more legitimacy

- US has opposed since the inception
- viewed as a potential violation of us sovereignty
- Senate tried to pass laws where if any military personnel were arrested, they would invade the Netherlands

1.4 Court of Last Resort

1.4.1 Iraq

US soldiers war crimes in Iraq were not persecuted properly in the military court (UCMJ), thus should have been persecuted in the ICC

1.4.2 My Lai massacre(1968

US soldiers burnt a village in Southeast Asia, raping and killing 500 civilians
They *were* put on trial by the UCMJ, so it did **not** go to the ICC

1.5 Governmental corruption leading IR

1.5.1 Israel

- Netanyahu will be tried for a large amount of crimes the moment the war ends
- also is making money because of the war
- grants him a position of power

2 4/7/2025

2.1 ICC

Netanyahu went to visit urban in Hungary, Hungary had signed onto the ICC, however, they said it was corrupt, and he wasn't arrested

2.2 Tariffs

- GATT, general agreement between US and Britain to reduce Tariffs across the world in order to encourage free trade
- All presidents beforehand have supported free trade
- large effect on global economy
- Recession
 - Will reduce trade *in real time*
 - won't see it coming, will know once we're in it