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A Raison de etat inspired international relations theory

- Community of states exists in **anarchy**: no worldwide "911" event, and there's no universal world policy

- Thus, international politics is a **self-help** system; allies could help but security is not guaranteed

- **Power** is the key to maintain security

- **Security** is an act of re-balance: one state's security hurt the security of other states

Longer term factors are nearly invisible.

Causality exists between long term and short term events => Short term changes are caused therefore by longer term change while long term events are hyped up by shorter events