

Source: [KBhHIST201RaisonDeEtat](#)

1 | deRichelieu's Raison de Etat

1.1 | Background

- Near-death of HRE would allow France to expand eastwards
- Needed a way of fending off the ever-growing HRE

So, in comes...

1.2 | Cardinal de Richelieu

“Father of the modern state system.”

Proposed and practiced [KBhHIST201RaisonDeEtat](#) in France

- Richelieu is secular as minister, while salvation is only a personal objective => conflict with [KBhHIST201HolyRomanEmpire1500s](#) Ferdinand's beliefs
- “The state has no immorality” => acting on the state means acting either now or never
- CLAIM @ [KBhHIST201Kissinger](#) — HRE would have expanded more if they agreed to work with the protestants who were totally fine with HRE dominating politically

1.3 |