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Ottomans

Very organized army – lots of training, wealth in the military

Systematized: went to each village and taxed {some} percentage of 7yo boys, which were converted to Christians.

(war to the Ottomans is) not bureaucratic, it's an art form.

Safavid's started to copy Ottoman war tactics after they lost. They even kept a painting of a lost war in their main hall.

Had a big scary navy - *Arta*, 2020

But couldn't take over the Mediterranean – too many competing European forces.

Grand Strategy

Alignment of potentially unlimited aspirations with necessarily limited