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- 1 | https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dyNxeyOT3w2FXbv4WwQ--WB5kuead edit#slide=id.g7934c51b3d_0_50 source
- 2 | germany and russia are both looking each other with paranoia
- 3 | because germany industrialized fast and russia has lots of people
- 4 | from 1880 to 1913, germany's manufacturing output share (of the world) doubles (table 18)
- 5 | table 19: everybody is amassing military, and nobody can be sure that the others aren't going to attack (security dilemma)
- 6 | table 20: great britain builds up it's navy (and is scared of germany because they've gone from 88k to 1.3M tons)
- 6.1 dreadnaughts: germany comes up with a ship that makes all others obsolete, and an expensive arms race insues
- 6.2 | we can't be sure what people's motives were, can only look at old correspondences and journals
- 7 | alliances map
- 7.1 | french and british are teamed (which is strange because they'd been fighting)
- 7.1.1 | although maybe it makes sense geographically, and they are both afraid of germany
- 7.2 | austria-hungary is very culturally diverse, which makes alliances awkward
- 7.2.1 | italy might want italians back from austria
- 7.2.2 | generally austrian civilians may not want to fight for austria
- 8 | alliances map again (but changes)
- 8.1 | italy is on the allied side now
- 8.2 | the ottoman empire (bulgaria too) have joined germany
- 8.2.1 ottomans have beef with both the austrians and russians
- 9 | colonial shenanigans in north africa
- 9.1 | british and french almost fought over north africa Taproot · 2020-2021

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9.2 they marched their armies around and stared at eachother for a bit and almost had a big african war

11 | cult of the offensive (prisoners dilemma style)

- 11.1 | a popular theory for why WWI started
- 11.2 | timeline
- 11.2.1 | heir assassinated
- 11.2.2 | austria-hungary gets upset and issues ultimatums
- 11.2.3 | serbia doesn't agree and austria declares war
- 11.2.4 | russia backs serbia and declares war on austria hungary
- 11.2.5 | germany declares war on russia, and france (preemptively)
- 11.2.6 | everyone reciprocates, japan comes in from nowhere
- 11.3 | cult of the offensive
- 11.3.1 | leaders believed that new technologies favored the offensive
- 11.3.2 | formalizing the problem
 - 1. states can preempt or defend
 - 2. outcomes
 - (a) best: i preempt, you defend (surprised)
 - (b) both defend (peace)
 - (c) both preempt (war)
 - (d) i defend, you preempt (bad news bears for me)
 - (e) assumption is that preemption is better than defenese
 - 3. preempting vs defending is the prisoners dilemma
- 11.3.3 from any one perspective, preempting is always better than defending regardless of the other person
- 11.3.4 how could this have been avoided
 - 1. third party to hold everyone accountable/defensive
 - 2. mutually assured destruction
 - 3. existing alliances
 - 4. a balancer like the US could have mediated

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