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## 1 | Raison d'état

Each state depended on the other. The well being of the state justified whatever means were employed to further it. The national interest supplanted the medieval notion of a universal morality. — [KBhHIST201Kissinger](#)

A method of “sensible government” that promises to set aside personal ideological differences for the betterment of the country as a whole.