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Slides ## Why do States Start? - One theory called social contract theory is that a state arises from the cumulative experience of a population's self-government as it grows and requires more and more coordination. - This has been used as a reference for state creation - Another theory called the Bellicist theory (formed by Charles Tilly) of the state says that states form to make war on other states. - States exist to control territory from external threats - States exist to eliminate internal rivals and insurgents - States exist to protect their people - States take taxes and revenue to form a state

### How Bellicist works on a State.

- An army is useful for both war making and state making according to Bellicist theory.
- To be good at war making a state needs to efficiently tax its people to be successful at war making.
  - Can not be too much, or too little.
    - Needs to beat rival
  - Needs to make wealthy people buy into government and pay them taxes for protection.
    - Can lead to problematic policies as the wealthy people matter more for taxes