

Is military power declining in importance?

Yes	No
<p>Military power has not been successful in many major conflicts since 2001. It does not work against contemporary non-state actors or armed opposition groups.</p>	<p>Military power is still important to check the advance of non-state groups who threaten state sovereignty.</p>
<p>Interstate war is decreasing – military conflict between states is nearly non-existent. Conventional armies deployed against states are outdated.</p>	<p>Intrastate war is increasing. The world faces complex threats from civil wars and insurgencies which pose a global security threat. Interstate war has not disappeared completely.</p>
<p>Increasing public and political reluctance for armed troops to be deployed, making it difficult to find support and legitimacy for military action.</p>	<p>Military force is still useful to protect civilians under the doctrine of Responsibility to Protect.</p>
<p>States join Intergovernmental Organizations and various alliances that offer them protection.</p>	<p>States operate in a system where trust and cooperation are rare – states do not know the intentions of other states and as such military power is needed for defensive purposes.</p>
<p>Increasing number of Intergovernmental Organizations and informal forums serve as platforms for negotiations and cooperation to solve various issues and disagreements.</p>	<p>Military power can act as a deterrent and therefore discourage other states from launching a military attack.</p>
<p>The foundations of power have been moving away from the emphasis on military force, conquest and glory to diplomacy and welfare.</p>	
<p>The use of military force can jeopardize economic objectives and therefore threaten the economic power of the states.</p>	