

# Weakness of indicators

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## 1 How to measure power

Easiest: winner = most powerful

⇒ wars not more won by most powerful

### 1.1 What indicators

In the past, military expenses good show of force

- US biggest spender (43% of world)
  - US couldn't lead to clear victory

### 1.2 Real basis

Economic? Rich countries spend more on defense

- not only GNP, also PPP

⇒ differentiate between political n financial power

#### 1.2.1 Another indicator: tech

- Japan most researchers/cap

#### 1.2.2 Population

Capacity of demography to reshape power

### 1.2.3 Territory

Can territory create power? Cf. Russia: it can be a **handicap**; Also DRC

## 1.3 New indicators

### 1.3.1 Culture

influences

### 1.3.2 Religion

Iran, Saudi ...

**Traditional vision questioned**