

Sovereignty and “Society”

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Sovereignty

What is it?

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1. Countries should accept the borders of other countries and not use force in an attempt to change them.
2. Countries should not interfere with events inside other countries.
3. Governments should have a free hand to do as they please in their own borders.

Anarchical Society

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1. The “citizens” of this society are ***countries***.
2. Governments and leaders of these countries are free to act as they wish within their own borders.
3. The members of this society respect and accept this freedom of action on the part of others.

Who gets to be part of the society?

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Sovereignty is two parts:

1. Self-determination
2. Acceptance by others

How is this society maintained?

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1. Balance of power
2. Deterrence

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