



# POLI 150: Review of Conflict

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## Topics to Review

- Interstate war
- Civil conflict & nonstate actors
- Conflict Resolution



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- States violate human rights for a number of reasons, but this is changing in the international system



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- R2P: international community has a responsibility to intervene in support of vulnerable populations