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International Relations

Lecture # 04

Topics:

➤ Liberalism

Liberalism

- Historic alternative to the realism.
- Era of Liberalism's influence

1920s	After WW-1	League of Nations
1940s	After WW-2	United Nations
1990s	After Collapse of USSR	Russian Disintegration; German Re-unification

- Note: Since 9/11 pendulum has once again swung towards the realist pole.

Four Dimensional Definition

Dimensions	Definitions
Social Liberalism	All citizens are juridically equal; possess equal rights of education, health, religious toleration. i.e Article 25 of Pak Constitution
Republic Liberalism	Legislative assembly of the state possesses only the authority invested in by the people
Commercial Liberalism	Citizens have right to own property.
Economic Liberalism	Laissez-faire Economic System; Market Driven; Borderless Economic Model

How do liberalists explain war?

- Convergence with Realism: War is the recurring feature of anarchic system.
- Divergence with Realism: They don't identify human nature, anarchy, and *raison d'état* as the causes of war.
- Liberal Perspective: Causes of War
 - Imperialism
 - Absence of BoP
 - Undemocratic Regimes (Absence of Republicanism)
- Note: Structural Vs Neo-classical Vs Liberalism [Differentiation of Units]

Images of Liberalism

Images	Expert	Period	Cause of Conflict	Determinants of Peace
1.0: Human Nature	Richard Cobden	Mid-19 th Century	Interventions by governments domestically and internationally disturbing the order	Individual Liberty; Free Trade; Interdependence
2.0: The State	Woodrow Wilson	Early 20 th Century	Undemocratic nature of IP especially FP and the BoP	Collective Security, Responsive Governments,
3.0: The Structure of Globe.	J.A Hobson	Mid 20 th Century	The Balance of Power System	A world government with the power to mediate and enforce decisions

Core Ideas in Liberal Thinking

- Immanuel Kant's Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch
- For Kant, the imperative to achieve perpetual peace required
 - 1. Transformation of individual consciousness**
 - Educationally transformed citizens are participatory, not submissive.
 - This will lead to perpetual peace by compelling and influencing state functionaries not to go for war.

Core Ideas in Liberal Thinking

2. Republican Constitutionalism

- Civil constitution requires consent of citizens to either declare war or not.
- King and Prince have no place to take decisions unilaterally.

3. Federal contract among states to abolish war.

- General pacifist agreement among nation to discourage aggression

Core Ideas in Liberal Thinking

- **David Mitrany (1943): Transnational Cooperation**
 - He believes that transnational cooperation is required to resolve the common problems.
 - He states that cooperation in sector would lead to collaboration in other sectors as well.
 - So, as states become more embedded through integration process, the cost of withdrawing from cooperative ventures increases.

Neo-Liberalism

- Neoliberalism signifies a particular regime of liberalism, capitalism, and democracy that has been globalized since the 1970s, in the form of an active state promotion of market and competition principles.

Liberalism Vs Neo-Liberalism

Liberalism is a political philosophy	Neoliberalism is an economic philosophy
Mainly focuses on individual freedom of thought, religion, life, property ownership etc.	Focuses on the free trade and privatization etc.
Came into being in the age of Enlightenment	Came into being in the 20th Century

Home Work

- Liberal Pacifism
- Liberal Imperialism
- Liberal Internationalism

Glossary

- Laissez-Faire
- Relative Gain
- Absolute Gain
- Collective Security
- Balance of Power – BoP

Sources

- <https://oxfordre.com/communication/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228613-e-176>
- <https://pediaa.com/difference-between-liberalism-and-neoliberalism/>

Readings

- Globalization of World Politics
- Contemporary Security and Strategy (At least 3rd Edition)
- From Liberal Leviathan: The Origin, Crisis, and Transformation of the American World Order by G. John Ikenberry
- Essential Readings in World Politics (6th Edition)
 - One World, Rival Theories – Jack Snyder