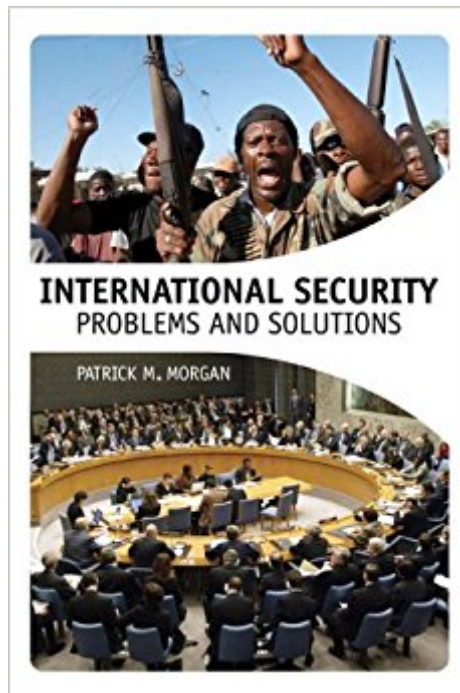


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# International Security: Problems And Solutions



## Synopsis

Conflict--be it war between states, ethnic violence, civil war, or terrorist activity--endures, despite immense efforts to end it. How do states cope with conflict, minimize future threats, and reduce the risk of insecurity? Morgan outlines a spectrum of solutions states use to manage violent conflict, ranging from strategies that individual governments enact largely on their own, such as distribution of power, deterrence, or arms control, to those such as collective security and multilateralism that are more global in nature. The book progresses into tactical and practical actions, from negotiation and mediation to peace imposition. Morgan evaluates each strategy and tactic in terms of how well it addresses three levels of security--systemic, state, and societal--to show how they are interrelated and complementary to each other in important ways. Addressing insecurity at one level often elicits further insecurity at another. Morgan shows students how these various levels interact-either to a state's advantage or to its detriment-so they can comprehensively analyze the ways that political actors manage (or incite) conflict. Useful pedagogical features help students master the material: Terms and Concepts boxes go beyond simple definitions and provide students with a concept's evolution over time or the controversy surrounding the meaning of a certain term. Cases and Context boxes offer needed background and interesting detail about pivotal cases of conflict, both historical and contemporary in nature. Key terms are bolded throughout and compiled in a glossary. Annotated bibliographic essays at the end of each chapter point students to additional sources for further study.

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Patrick M. Morgan (PhD, Yale University) is professor of political science and the Thomas and Elizabeth Tierney Chair in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of California, Irvine. His research topics include national and international security, deterrence in theory and practice, arms control, and regional security management particularly in Northeast Asia. He has authored and edited many books, including *Deterrence Now* (2003), *Security Studies Today* (1999), *Reviewing the Cold War* (1999), and *Regional Orders* (1997).

Professor Patrick Morgan has written an extremely well balanced and researched book on the subject of international security. Since the end of the Second World War, countless conflicts have continued to kill and displace millions of people. The problems of maintaining international security continues to plague a troubled world. I was drawn to this book with regards to some studies I am currently undertaking and found it to be a well researched and resourced work on the topic. The book was able to offer supporting information to some viewpoints and also additional discussion and thought on other references I have read. I was especially interested in his section on the distribution of power and the concept of achieving 'cheap' victories-how to win a conflict easily and with little costs. He has a very good section on negotiation and mediation and discussions on: Peacekeeping, Peace Enforcement and Imposition and Peace-building. The book's content is quite recent and looks at all current conflicts, such as the trouble in the Darfur region. In summary, a well written and researched book with recent content, which will be of use to the student of international security studies; the book examines the topic from historical and case study analysis. Well done, Professor Morgan!

For my master's degree...decent textbook.

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This book is the first (and I say first in that I presume there will be others to follow) that looks at an expanded view of warfare. Typically warfare (Clausewitz, Sun Tzu, et al) has been viewed purely as a conflict between states. This book looks at that view, but also considers warfare within states (a major part of the deaths occurred since World War II), and warfare within or between societies (which seems to be a harbinger of things to come). The book is largely told through historical references. History is the only guide we have to viewing warfare. And there seems to be an almost

universal desire on the part of people who start wars for a 'short victorious war' (Konstantinovich von Plehve, who started the Russo-Japanese war - which they lost). The book is very up to date and includes quite a bit on Iraq, Darfur, Afghanistan, Chechnya, etc. but this is a general book on the theory and strategy of warfare in general. It is not given to quick and easy solutions like so many of the popular books being published today. In spite of its textbook approach, the writing style in this book makes it easy to read and understand. This book fits in very well with the growing interest in the areas of war and security. This has been a neglected subject area for many years until the events of 9/11 brought us to the realization that the age of warfare is not over.

Real insight into how the world entered into the world of international relations: anarchy.

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