

# PREDATION & PROTECTION

PSC/IR 265: CIVIL WAR AND INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS

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# Government Purpose

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- What is the purpose of the American government? Organize production.
- What is the purpose of the North Korean government? Extraction.

# Origins of the State

- A long, long time ago, people with comparative advantages in violence stole for a living.
  - Think of these people as “roving bandits”

# Origins of the State

- Roving bandits created demand for protection from extraction.
  - So some people with comparative advantages in violence became defenders of these regions.

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- Early governments thus sold protection from others...and themselves.

States are like  
the mafia.



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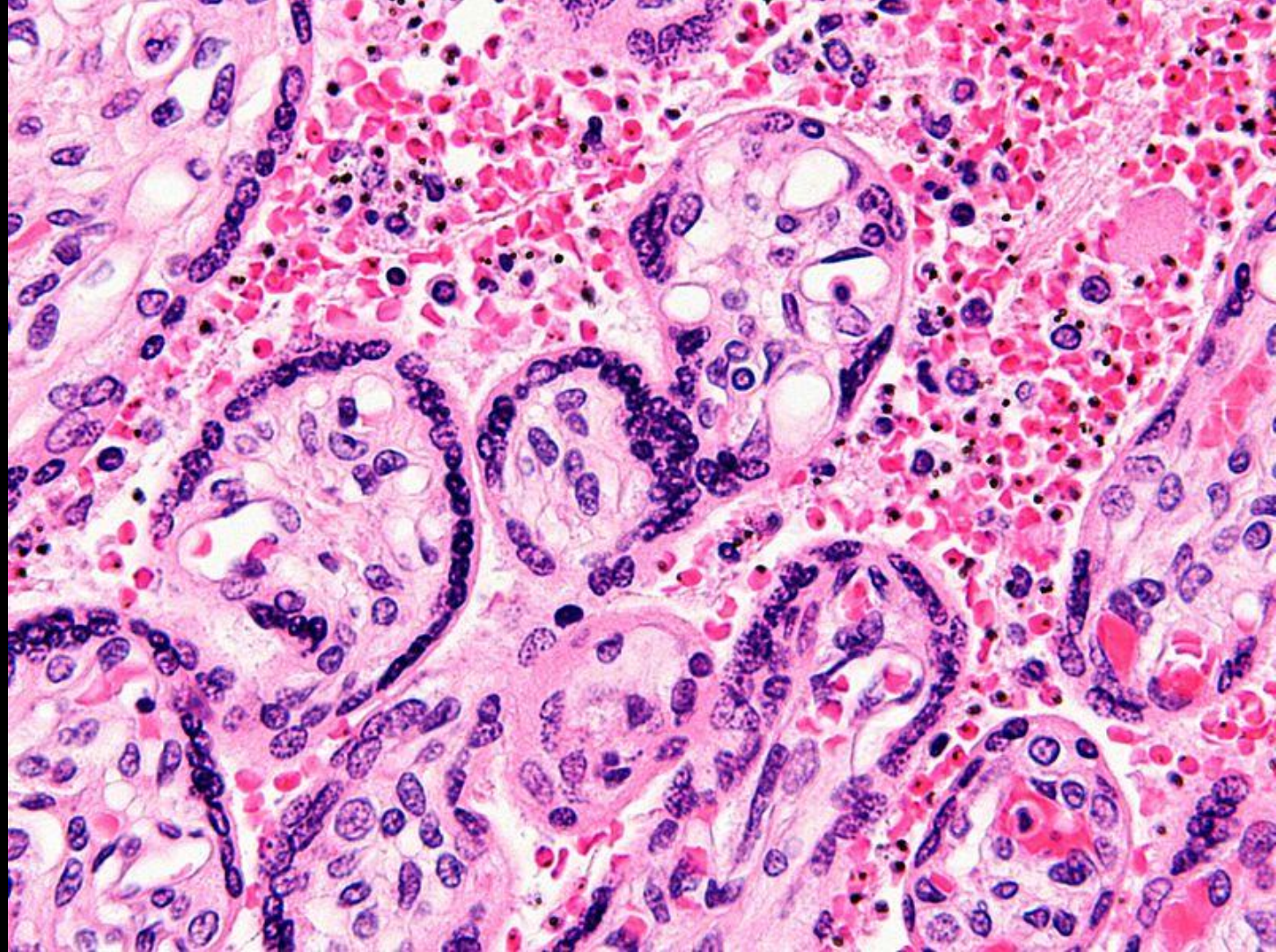


# Origins of the State

- Institutions have slowly limited the state's internal power.
  - 1215: Magna Carta
  - 1787: U.S. Constitution

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- But not all states are blessed with such institutions.
  - And, ironically, many of those states are leftovers from British colonization.



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# Two Strategies

1. The Hit-and-Run
2. The Long Con

# Hit-and-Run

- Exploit all that you can for as long as you can.
- Save for retirement.
- Flee the country when things get bad.

# The Long Con

- Provide reasons for your population to not completely hate you.
- Extract wealth from your people over time.

# Determinants

1. Value of exploitable resources
2. Value of tax revenue
3. Expectations about future power

# Changes Pre/Post-1990?

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# Responsibility to Protect

- Appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, a policy-oriented journal.
- Is *normative*, not *positive*.

# Responsibility to Protect

- Argument: Intervention should not be a luxury states can choose. The strong have a responsibility to protect the defenseless.



# Responsibility to Protect

- Sovereignty is not a right. It is a responsibility to protect your own.
  - Failure to live up to that responsibility means you lose your sovereign right.

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# Power

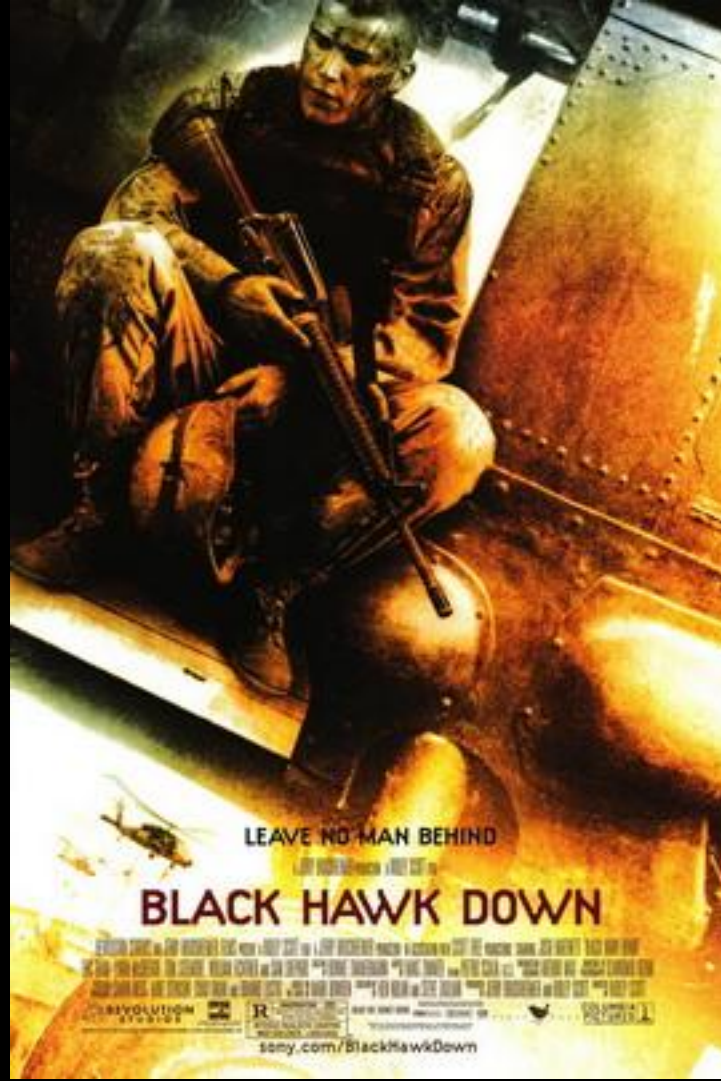
- Few states have military resources to spare.
- Even fewer states can project power.

# Costs

- Those that have the power might not have the willingness to intervene.

# Recent U.S. War Casualties

- WWII: 420,000
- Korean: 37,000
- Vietnam: 58,000
- Persian Gulf: 294 (145 by accident; 35 by friendly fire)
- Mogadishu: 18
- Kosovo: Some planes and helicopters
- Afghanistan: 2,300
- Iraq: 4,800
- Libya: Some missiles?



LEAVE NO MAN BEHIND

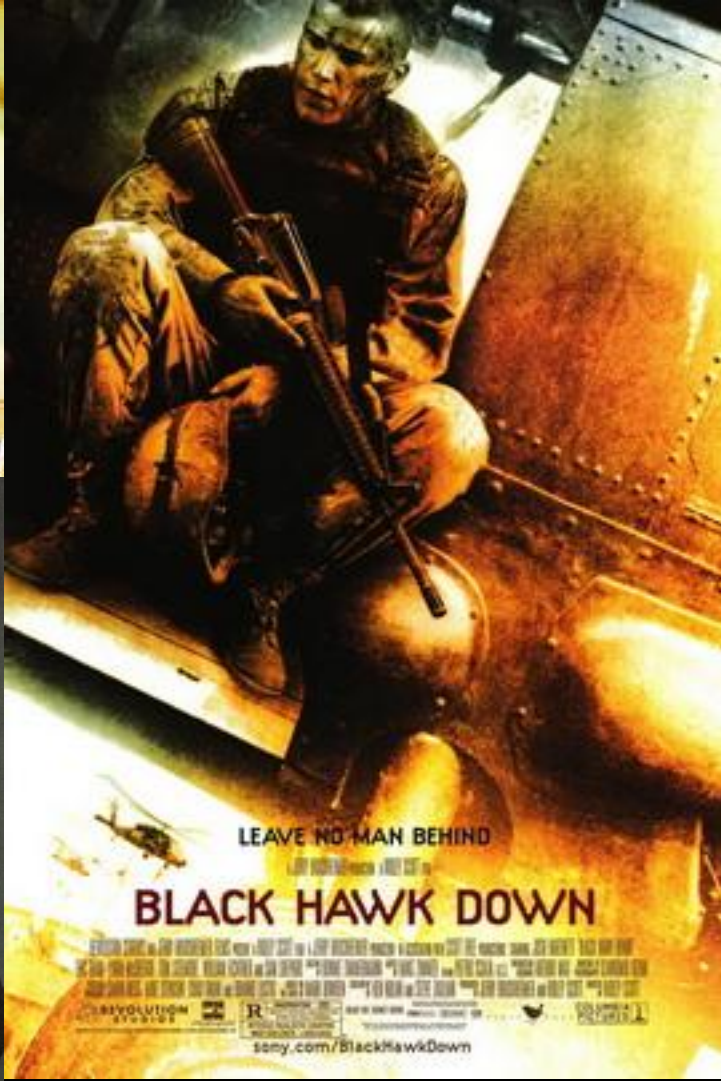
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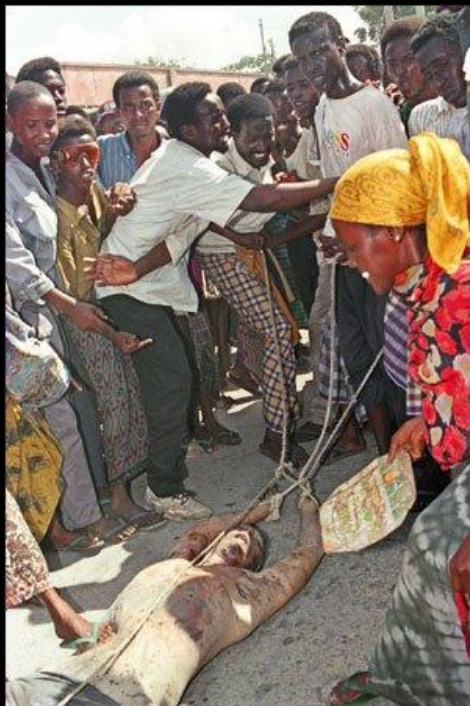
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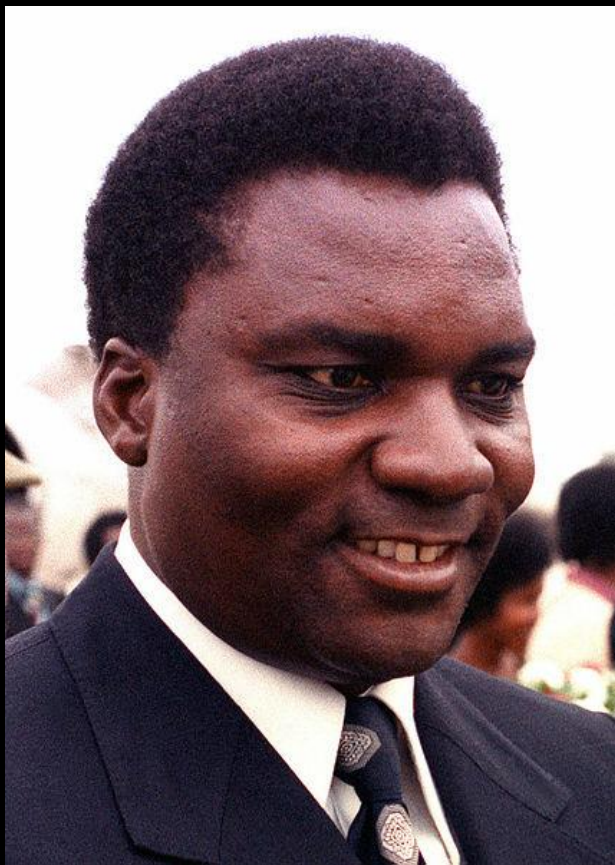
- Two strategies
  - Police patrols
  - Firefighting

# Rwandan History

- Demographics
  - 84% Hutu
  - 15% Tutsi
  - 1% Twa
- Former Belgian colony
  - Minority rule strategy

# Rwandan History

- 1959: Hutu revolution
- 1990-1992: Civil War
- 1993: Arusha Accords



Juvénal  
Habyarimana

# Rwandan Genocide

- 500,000-1,000,000 dead
- Why did U.S. “let” it happen?
  - Conventional wisdom: international community did not care.
  - Kuperman: We didn’t know enough in time anyway.