

-When it comes to nations self-preservation it's a major expensive force and it's just not something for those who can intervene

-Genocide mass killing of a race

-the massacre in Srebrenica nearly 8,000 Muslim Bosniaks were killed mainly men and boys.

-within Bosnia you have a Serb minority who didn't want to be ruled they liked next door Serbia

-the Bosnia government was going to protect the Serbs and by protect invade another nation.

-Srebrenica you had a significant population of Serbs and they Serbian army was going to protect them by attacking the Bosnian Muslims.

-The United Nations can't take action unless the security council says the UN can take action. the security council is the force that determines whether to intervene or not.

-the problem is Serbia is a strong ally of Russia and Russia is on the security council. So Russia is worried about losing a reliable ally in Serbia.

-The United States say's it is a good idea to intervene to stop the killing.

-They decided to send in a UN peace keeping force to protect Srebrenica to protect from the Serbs. The problem is they are only a peace keeping force they can only fire when fire upon and only if they are fired on no one else.

-The UN troops go and make a safe area and the Bosnian Muslims go in but Serbian militias go in and round them all up and put them all on the buses they let go of the women but took 8000 men and boys. Not a shot was fired by UN peace keeping group.

-April to July in 1994 members of the Hutu ethnic group in Rwanda murdered as many as 800,000 people, mostly of the Tutsi minority.

-France was eager to send troops the US, Russia, and China were not.

-Children we also involved carrying weapons etc.

-Alawites are minority of Syria they rule, represent upper class in economy

-Sunnis are majority of Syria

-every town that has protest are enemies to him he calls them terrorist and starts to siege the town anyone who doesn't flee the town he kills.

-Committing troops in a civil war is not worth it because they end up staying a lot more that they want too.

-Russians help Syria because they are the only ally Russia has in the Middle East that's where Syria gets all their funding even during a civil war.

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-Iran is also Syria's friend and they have a very strong ethnic tie between them and the Alawites minority.

-They both fear the rise of the Sunnis in Islam.

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- If idealism was successful, then there would never be a refugee problem because there would be no reason for them to leave their homes.
 - NATO has the capability to take over Syria but won't.
 - The Srebrenica Massacre
 - Bosnia used to be part of the no longer existing country of Yugoslavia
 - The new borders did not perfectly coincide with the identity of the people who lived within those borders.
 - Within each new state Bosnia and Serbia there are minorities in the area. The Serbs decided to invade Bosnia to "protect" the Serbs living there.
 - A strategic city the Serbians wanted to protect their Serbs in Bosnia is Srebrenica
 - The UN cannot act until the security council says they can act.
 - We can tell that the Serb forces can go in and cleanse the town of Bosnians
 - Serbia is a strong ally of Russia; can try and stop this but are worried about losing a reliable ally in Serbia
 - The United States is taking the position that humanitarian rights are a big issue and they should go in and save the day.
 - They decided that they will send in a UN peace keeping force to protect Srebrenica for Serbian forces.
 - The Dutch send over 100s of soldiers to keep the peace in Serbia; their objective was to keep the peace.
 - When considering the cost/ benefits of human intervention
 - From April to July 1994, members of the Hutu ethnic majority in the east-central African nation of Rwanda murdered as many as 800,000 people, cleansing them of Tutsi's
 - One of Clinton's biggest regrets was not sending American troops to save the day.
- Failure of Idealism*
- By the time they got on board, most of them were dead. Decision making on this were slow.
 - As reports of the genocide spread, the Security Council voted in mid-May to supply a more robust force, including more than 5,000 troops. By the time that force arrived in full, however, the genocide had been over for months.
 - These tribes don't wear uniforms so everyone looks alike.
 - Regime that is genocidal.
 - Assad Regime in Syria comes from a minority group of Alawites (Shi'a).
 - Every town that has lots of terrorists, he surrounds with troops and militias, you want them to flee the town.
 - "New Syria" that Assad rules.
 - Where is Assad getting this money/ troops from?
 - o He has the Russian supporters
 - o Iran is also Syria's friend
 - Iran is a predominantly Shi'a country, and is in favor of Assad's regime

- They both fear the rise of Sunni power (Saudi Arabia)
 - They both have the same enemies
- Money, Arms, Men, Food are all supplied from Russia and Iran
- Security council has been banding about different solutions for about 5 years about humanitarian intervention in Syria
- We want to send NATO troops in
- Islamic state will practically recruit

Extra Credit. Submit Notes for 10/12 Class Session:

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Idealism and Syria

- An idealist resolution will not occur. That is the reality

Srebrenica

Massacre (genocide)

- July 1995, Bosnia Herzegovina
- More than 8,000 Muslim Bosniaks killed
- Serbians thought they were doing right, “protecting” their brothers and sisters in Bosnia from a new, oppressive Bosnian government
- Serbs took the strategic city of Srebrenica
- The Serb forces in Srebrenica decided to “cleanse” the city of Muslim Bosniaks

Big Picture

- Security Council knew the cleansing was going to happen
- They debated action
- The problem – Russia and Serbia are allies
- Russia was worried about losing a reliable ally in Serbia
- The most powerful nations that could create a solution ideally – decided to send in a U.N. peacekeeping force to protect Srebrenica from Serbia

Results

- Serbs round up over 8,000 Bosniak men and boys onto buses, never seen again
- Peace keeping troops never fired a shot
- Mass graves found years later

Srebrenica represents a failure of Idealism in foreign policy

Rwandan Massacre (genocide)

- Hutus murder over 800,000 citizens, mostly Tutsi minorities
- Hutus massacre serves as a “cleansing”
- Most countries – besides France – weren’t necessarily interested in sending troops
- Unlike the Srebrenica incident, the reason things got so bad was because by the time the countries decided their plan of action, it was too late
- **The decision - making process took too long**

Syria

- Asads regime comes from a group known as Alawites (Shia Muslims), the minority
- On the opposite side, the majority which is Sunnis
- The Alawites have traditionally ruled, and represent the upper class in the economy in Syria

- S. policy – “Our red line is chemical weapons”
- Asad uses gases, we didn’t send troops

How do you achieve the goal of protecting a rebellious people?

Russia

- Syria is Russias only ally in the Middle East
- This is all about keeping power in the Middle East

Iran

- Another friend of Syrias
- Very strong Ethnic tie between the Iranian nation and the Syrian Alawite minority
- Iran – Predominantly Shia country
- “Blood is thicker than water”
- Both fear the rise of Sunni Islam

10/12 notes

- July 1995- genocide of more than 8000 Muslim Bosnians, mostly boys and men
- Breakup of Yugoslavia caused Serbia and Bosnia
 - New borders did not perfectly coincide w identity of people who live in those borders
 - Within each state are small minorities that don't identify with majority group
 - Serbs don't want to live under Bosnians
 - Serbian gov wants to save minority Serbs from Bosnians "persecuting" the minority by going into Bosnia and invading and killing
 - Srebrenica- major city to protect their Serbian brothers
 - Significant population of Serbs
 - To protect they became aggressive against Bosnian Muslims
 - Wanted to cleanse Srebrenica of all Bosnian Muslims
- UN security council- makes decisions on taking action (like a chief executive)
 - Central force on getting international commitment on stopping potential massacres like this
- Russia is one of Serbia's allies and is on the security council
 - Worried about losing a reliable ally in Serbia
- USA- humanitarian intervention is a good idea- problem is that it is a democracy so has to worry about public opinion
- UN peacekeeping force sent in to protect Srebrenica Bosnians from Serb forces
 - Objective to maintain a safe area
- Serbs put 8000 men and boys put on buses and never seen again
 - Not a shot fired by peacekeeping forces
 - Mass graves found of those on the buses years later
- Srebrenica represents a failure in idealism foreign policy

Rowanda-

- 1994- Hutu majority murdered about 800,000 Tutsi minority people
- un forces sent in but still too late because of power
- Russia and china both not interested until most were already dead
- Realism took over in security council which made decision making take too long

Alawites (Shi'a)-

- traditionally ruled in Syria-
- dominant group and a minority-
- rule and also represent the upper class in economy

Sunnis-

- the majority group
- Assad- (leader in Syria)

- when there are “terrorists” (protestors) are in a town they put the town under siege and if they do not flee the town they are killed
- he has two supporters-
 - Russia- Syria is russia's only ally in middle east
 - Iran- has no civil war- there's a very strong bond between Iranian nation and Alawite minority in Syria
 - Predominately Shi'a country
- He creates these strangles around towns with money food troops from Russia and iran
 - Get consumer goods from Russia and iran
- Iran and Russia are not allies but they have a common friend in Syria
- Russia won't allow anything to happen in security council because they don't want to have it affect their power but they phrase it as “we don't tolerate violating their sovereignty”
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Idealism in Syria

- July 1995 8,000 Muslim Bosnia there was a massacre
- Yugoslavia broke up into there own state
 - Borders did not perfectly coincide with the identity with the people that lived inside those borders.
- Bosnia
 - Serbians were the minorities
 - A strategic city for the Serbs was Srebrenica
 - City to protect brothers and sister
 - Serbian forces became aggressive towards Bosnian Muslims
 - Serbians are going to cleans the town
 - The U.N. S.C.
 - They debate resolution
 - Russia is on the P5
 - Worried about loosing a reliable ally in Serbia
 - France may want to send in people
 - UN Peace keeping Force was sent in
 - To protect Bosnians from Serbian forces
 - The Dutch came in to fight the Serbians
 - They protect the safe area
 - 8,000 Bosnians were rounded up on buses and they were never seen again
 - 0 Dutch armed forces fired a round
- 800,000 Tutsi's killed in Rwanda
 - Minority
 - ¼ of them were killed
- President Clinton biggest regrets was not sending American troops

Syria

- Alawites (shi'a)
 - Rules

- Minority
 - Upper class in the Economy
- Sunnis
- Assad Administered the poison gases
- Idealism fails
 - Us. Did not send in troops
 - We've been involved in civil wars before

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