# Power in Foreign Policy

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#### Definitions of Power

- Motivational:
  - Power is the proximate objective of states.
- Latent:
  - The ability to influence.
  - The absence of harm.
- Kinetic:
  - The exercise of a faculty; the employment of strength.

### Security Dilemma

- Herz, Jervis:
  - Proximate goal of states is security.
  - Security is zero-sum:
    - My safety is only achieved by diminishing your ability to protect yourself.
  - Ecological presence of aggression:
    - Ergo, war can result from insecurity.

## 911 & the Security Dilemma

- 911 attacks make the US security conscious
  - Homeland security
  - Protect ourselves by projecting power
    - Leads to less security elsewhere
  - One: "Blowback" (Chalmers Johnson)
  - Two: Heightened protection, but at considerable cost.

#### US Preponderant Power

- U.S. more powerful than most combinations of other nations
  - What do we do with extraordinary power?
    - More security?
    - More influence?
    - Security/influence tradeoff.