

Political Science 12: International Relations



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Introductions

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- Teaching Assistant:
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Syllabus: Course Requirements

- Attendance (10%)
- Participation (10%)
- Quizzes (40%): T/F, multi-choice, simple answer
 - NOTE: There *is* partial grading of quizzes. One point for each question (max 3 points, min 0)
- Final (40%): Essay, blue book

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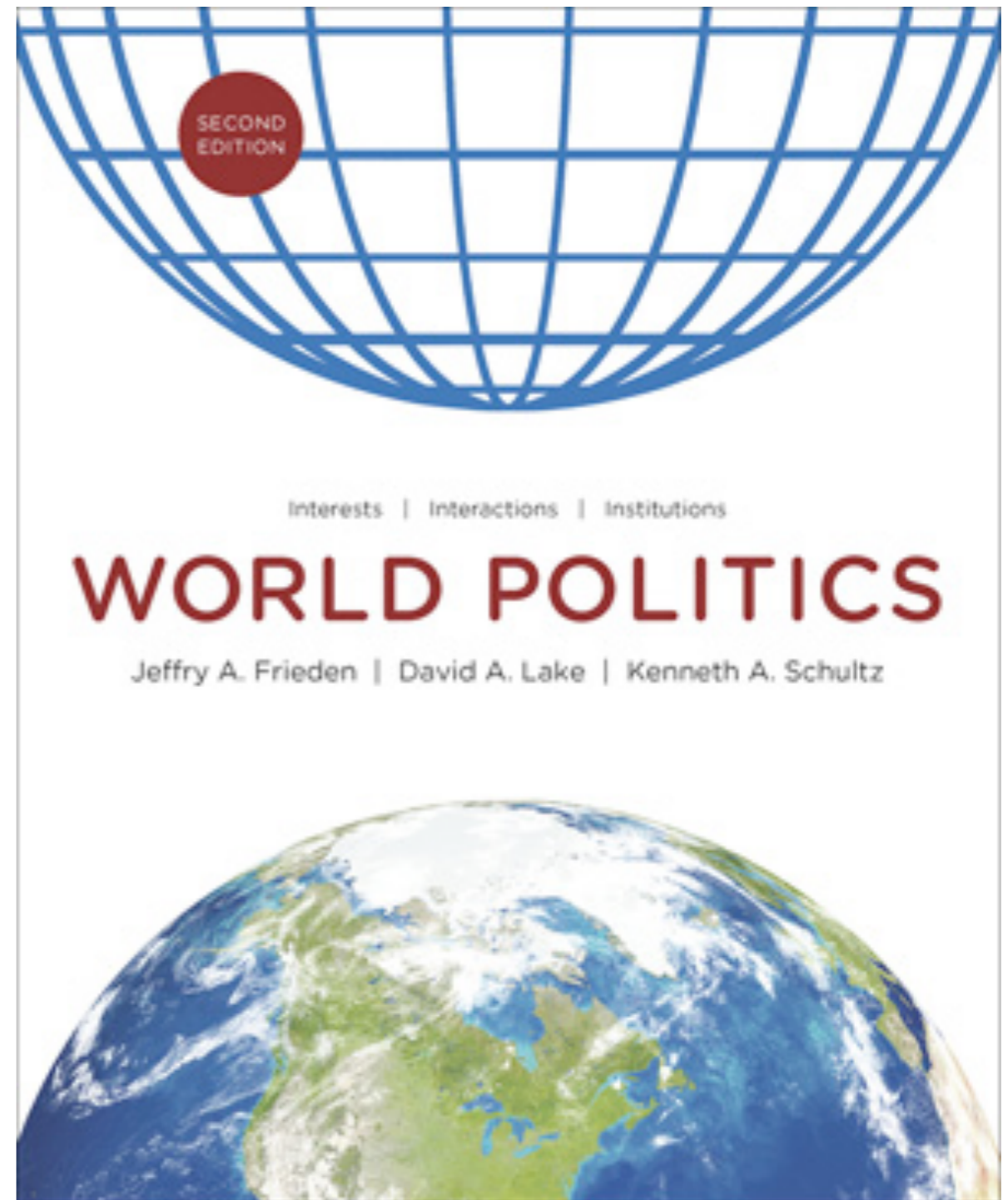
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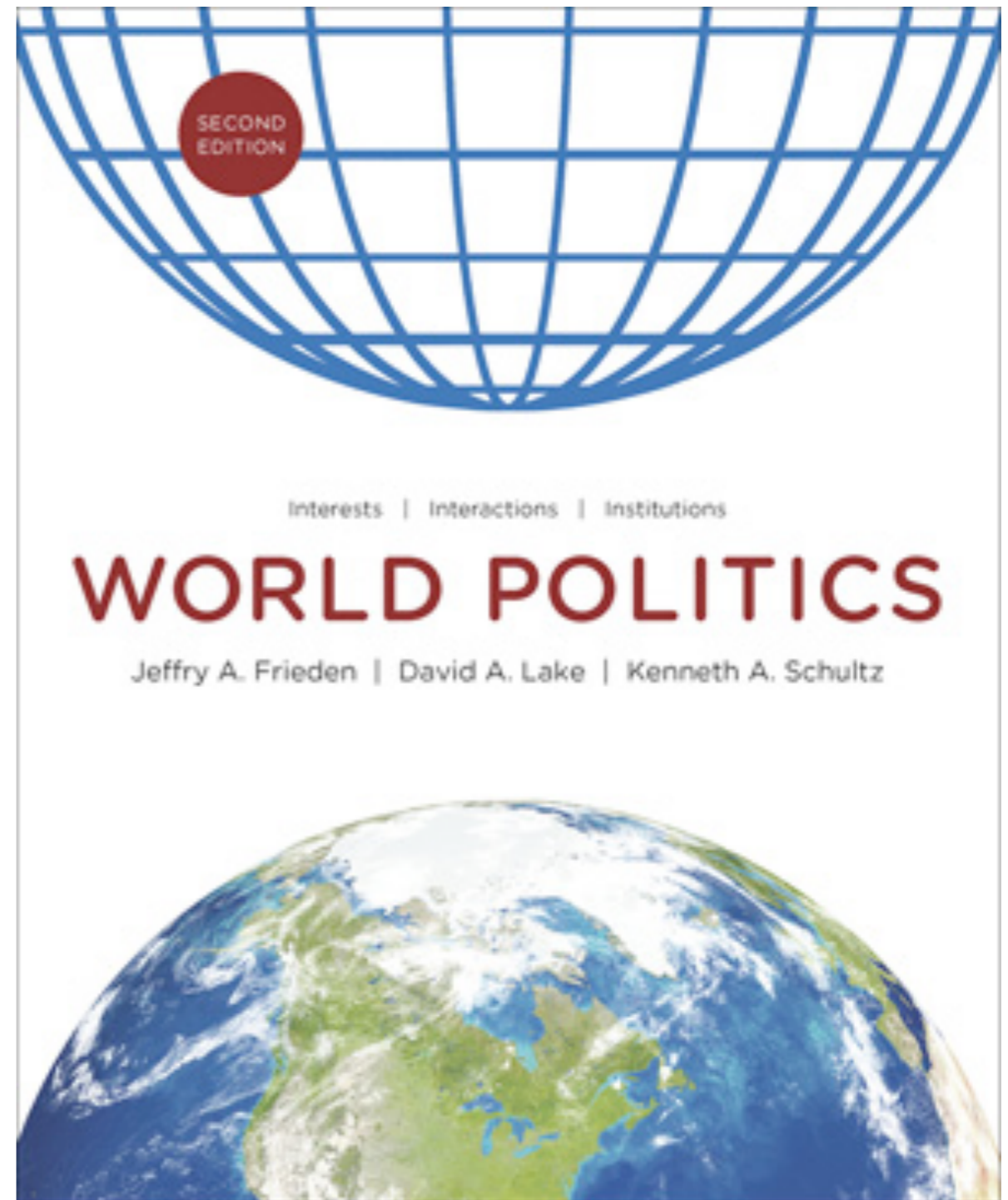
Syllabus: Readings

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Syllabus: Readings, cont.

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Syllabus: Schedule

- Five sections of the course:
 - I: Conflict and Cooperation
 - II: War and Peace
 - III: International Political Economy
 - IV: Transnational Politics
 - V: Looking Ahead

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major periodicals with a focus on international relations/foreign policy and follow the international section of major newspapers:

- Financial Times (<http://news.ft.com/world>)
- The New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>)
- Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world>)
- Foreign Affairs (<http://www.foreignaffairs.org>)
- Foreign Policy in Focus (<http://www.fpif.org/>)
- The National Interest (<http://www.nationalinterest.org>)
- Foreign Policy Association (<http://www.fpa.org/>)
- Council on Foreign Relations (<http://www.cfr.org/>)

Schedule of Topics and Readings

I. Conflict and Cooperation

WEEK 1:

Monday 4 August: **Introduction and Historical Context:** FLS Intro. and Chapter 1
Wednesday 6 August: **Interests, Interactions, and Institutions:** FLS Chapter 2

II. War and Peace

WEEK 2:

Monday August 11: **Why War?:** FLS Chapter 3
Wednesday August 13: **Domestic Politics and War:** FLS Chapter 4

WEEK 3:

Monday August 18: **International Institutions and War:** FLS Chapter 5
Non-state Actors: FLS Chapter 6
Wednesday August 20: **Movie and discussion**

III. International Political Economy

WEEK 4:

Monday August 25: **International Trade:** FLS Chapter 7
International Financial Relations: FLS Chapter 8
Wednesday August 27: **International Monetary Relations:** FLS Chapter 9
Development, Poverty and Growth: FLS Chapter 10

IV. Transnational Politics

WEEK 5:

Monday September 1: **Transnational Networks:** FLS Chapter 11
International Human Rights: FLS Chapter 12

V. Looking Ahead

Wednesday September 3: **The Global Environment:** FLS Chapter 13
The Future of International Politics: FLS Chapter 14

Friday September 5: * FINAL EXAM: 3:00PM – 5:59PM Location TBA *****

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How to succeed in POLI 12

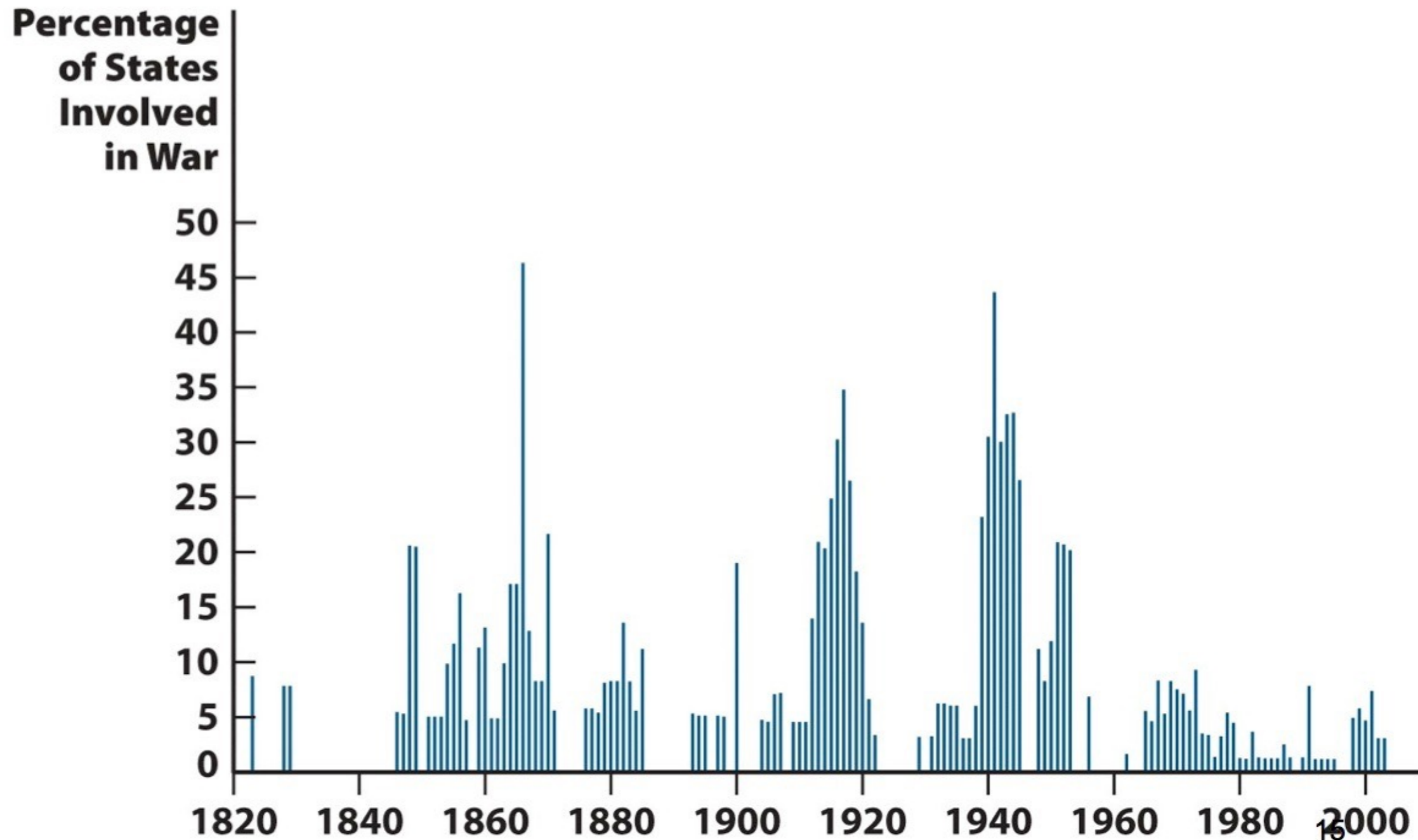
- READ THE TEXTBOOK
- ATTEND CLASS (lectures and section)
- THINK, Reason, question, inquire
- Additional suggestions:
 - Slides: I will post these regularly. Slides are an aid -- not a substitute -- for taking notes and studying.
 - Think about what the course is about, what the instructor wants you to learn, and then develop a strategy for preparing for/taking quizzes/tests.

Conflict and Cooperation

Puzzle: If cooperation is “good,” why can’t countries cooperate all the time? If conflict is “bad,” why do countries fall into bouts of terrible violence?

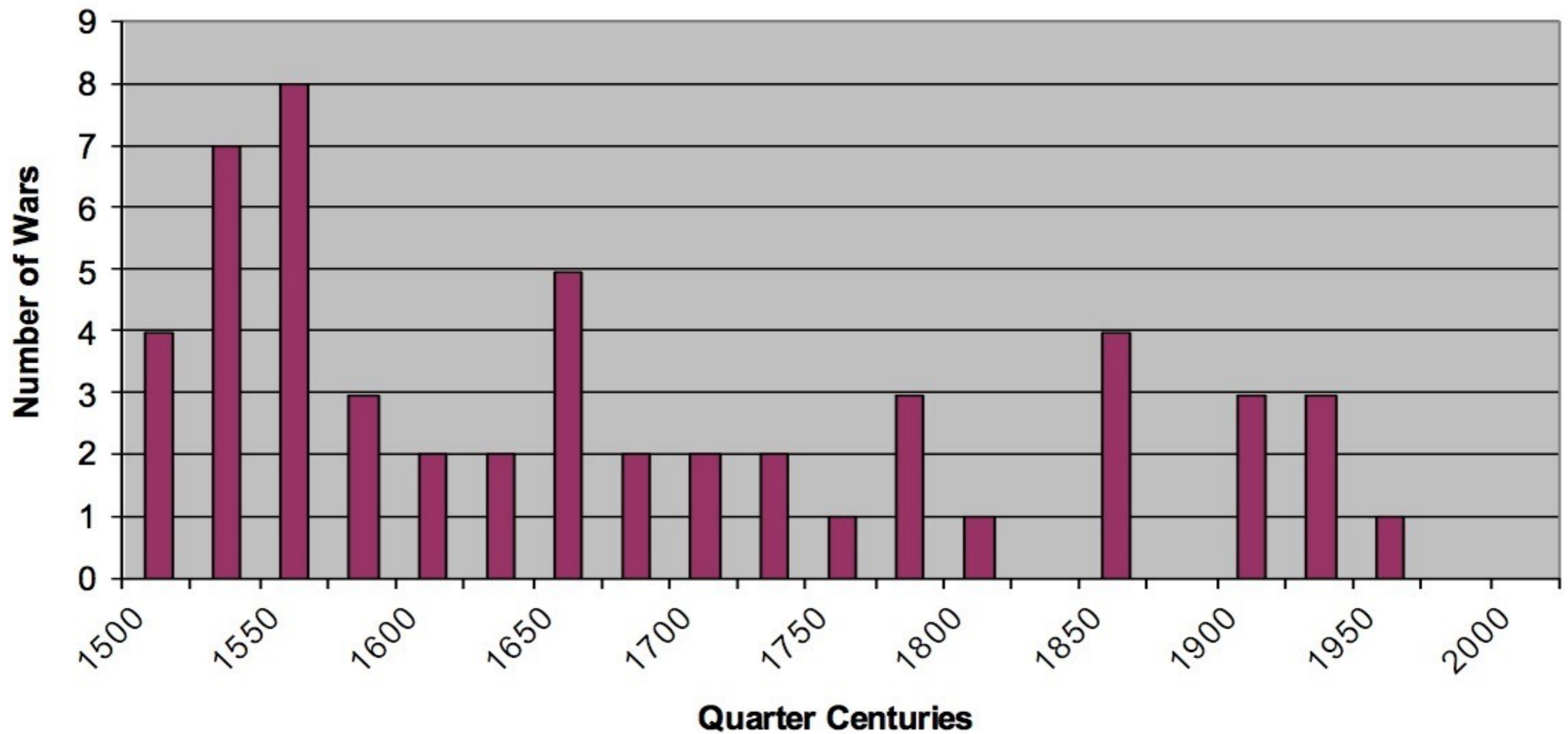
Today: nearly unique combination of relative peace, high levels of economic openness, and American power.

Countries involved in war per year, 1820-2008

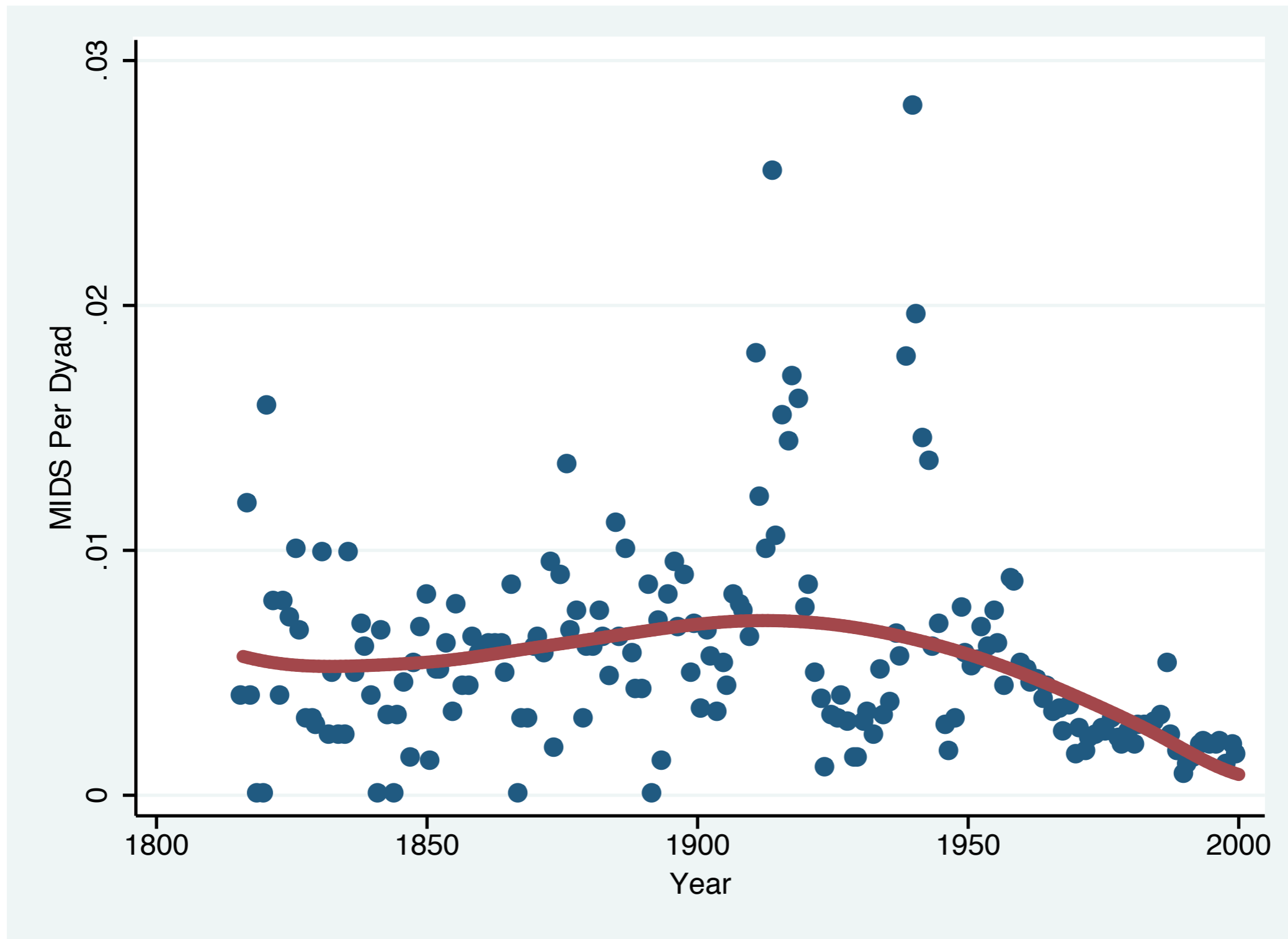


Great Power War, 1500-2000 (Levy & Thompson)

Figure 2.2: The Frequency of Great Power Warfare

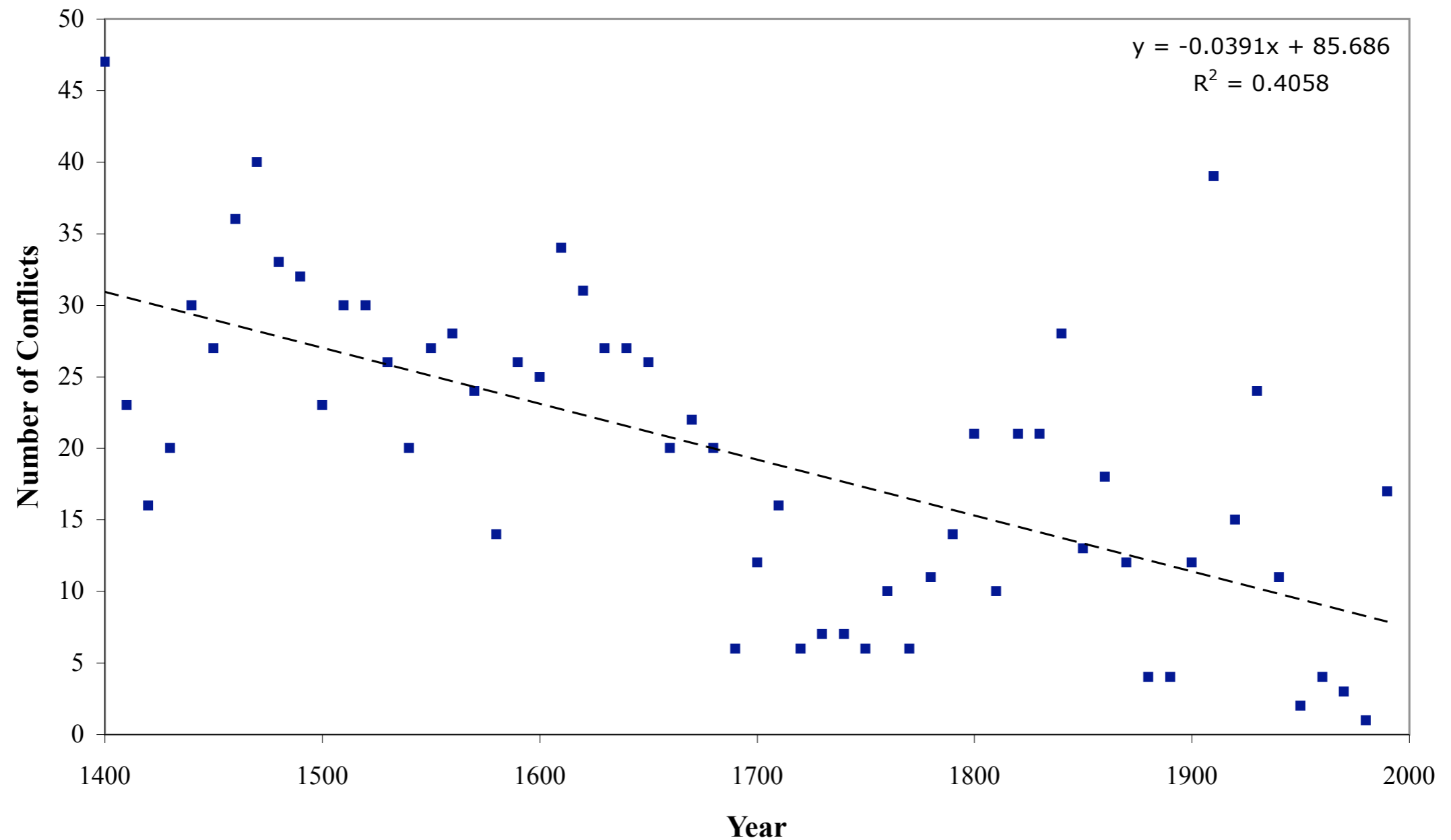


Militarized Interstate Disputes per dyad (1816-2000)

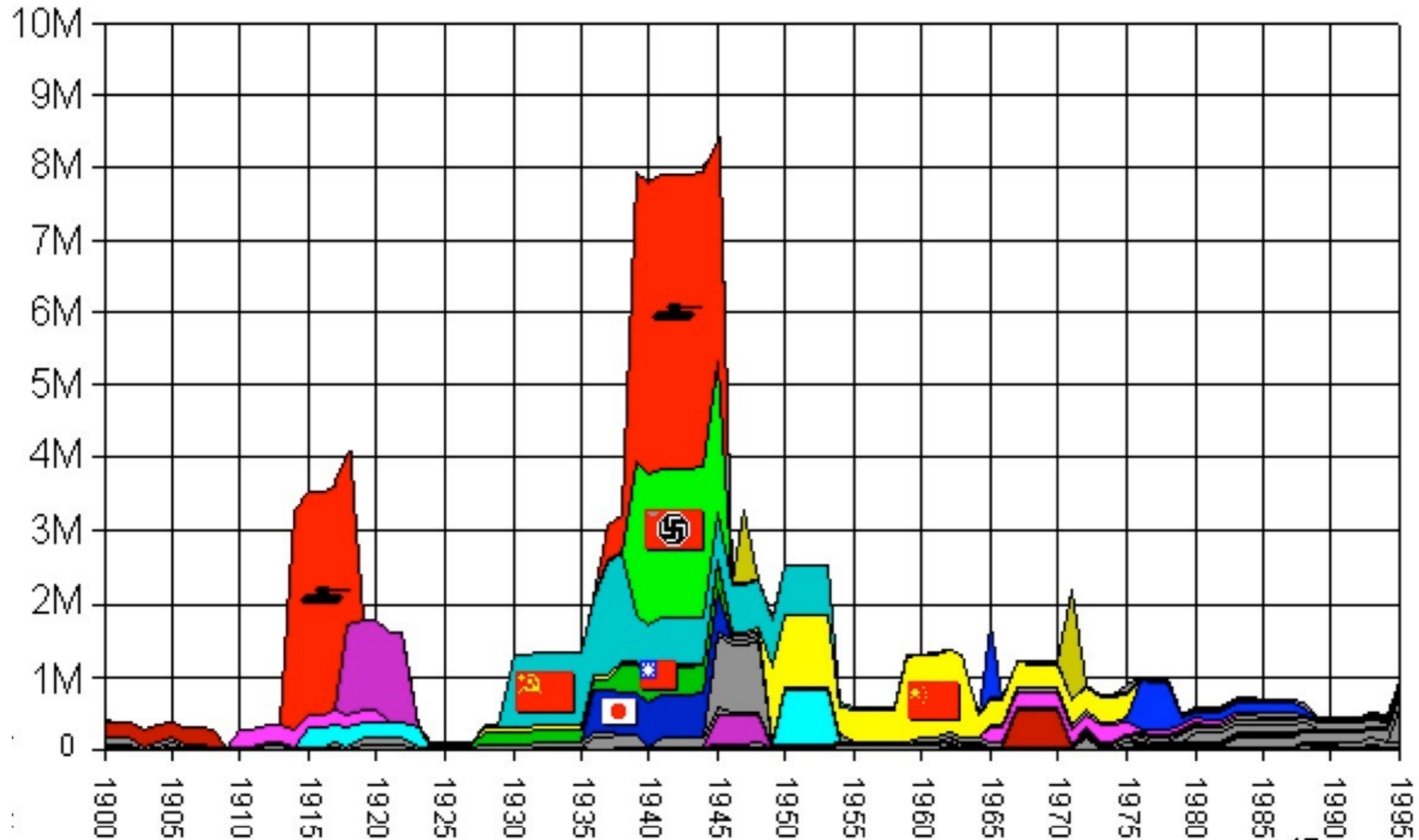


Conflicts in Europe, 1400-2000

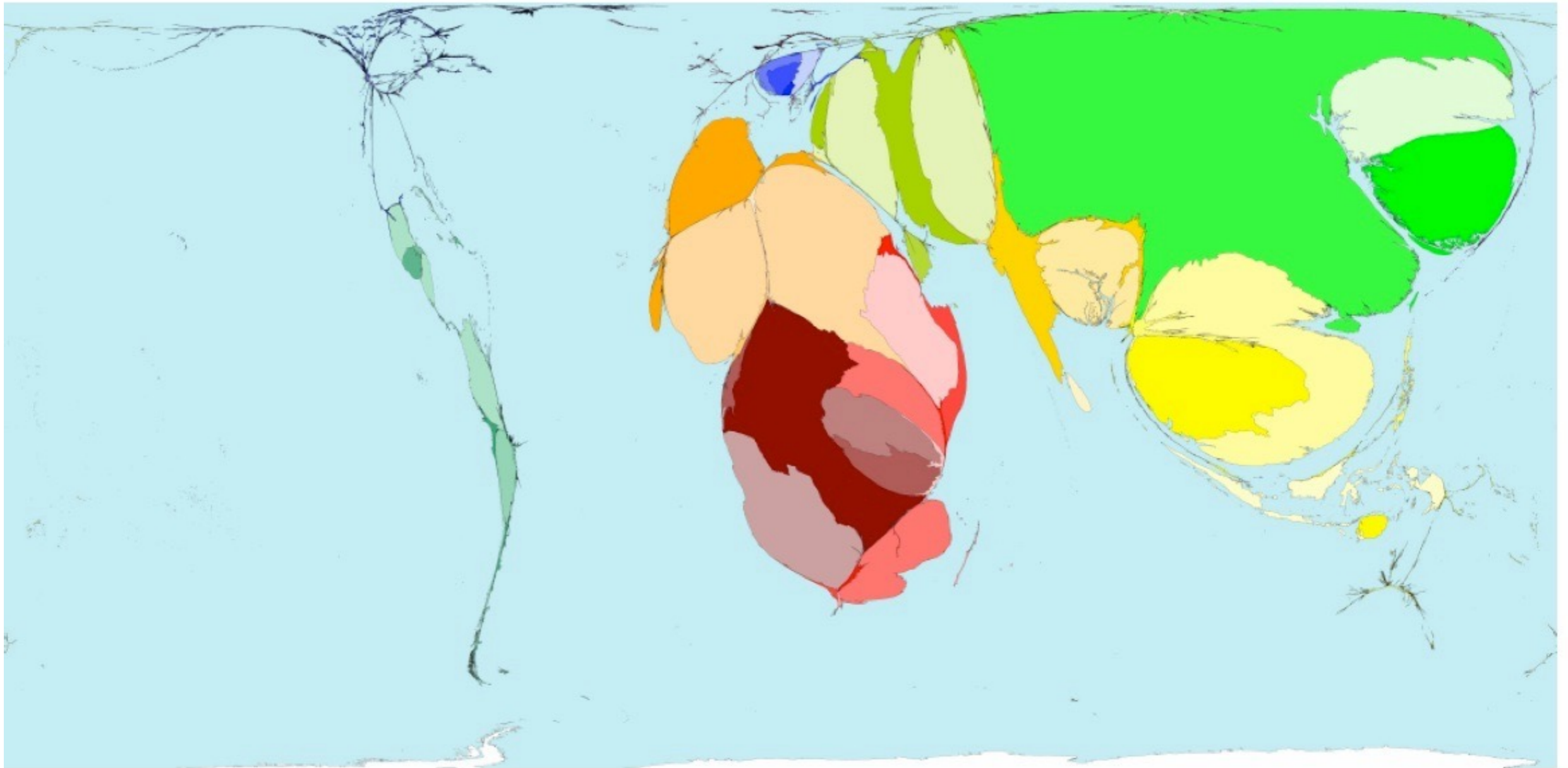
Trend in Conflicts in Europe



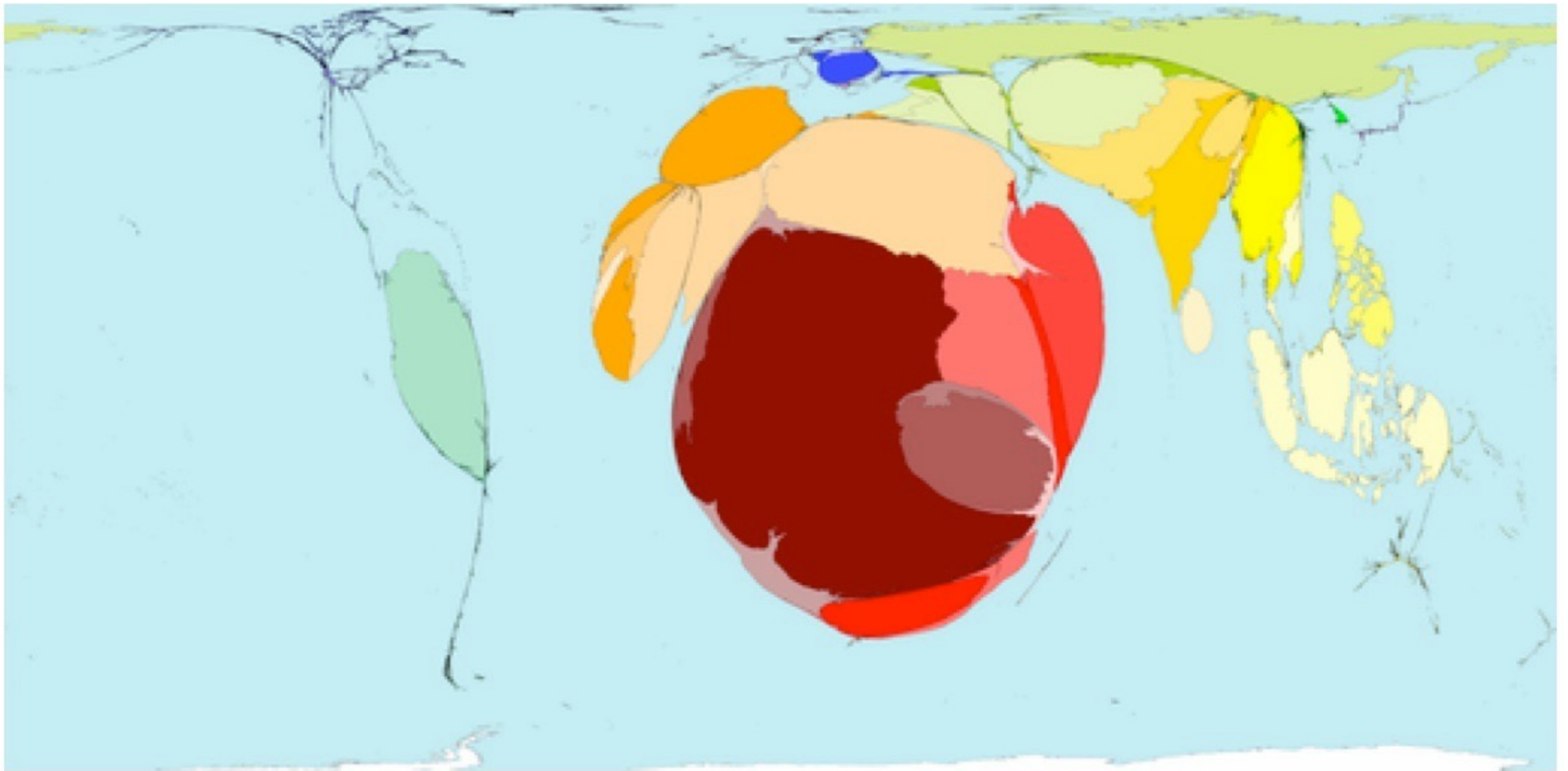
Casualties in wars in the twentieth century



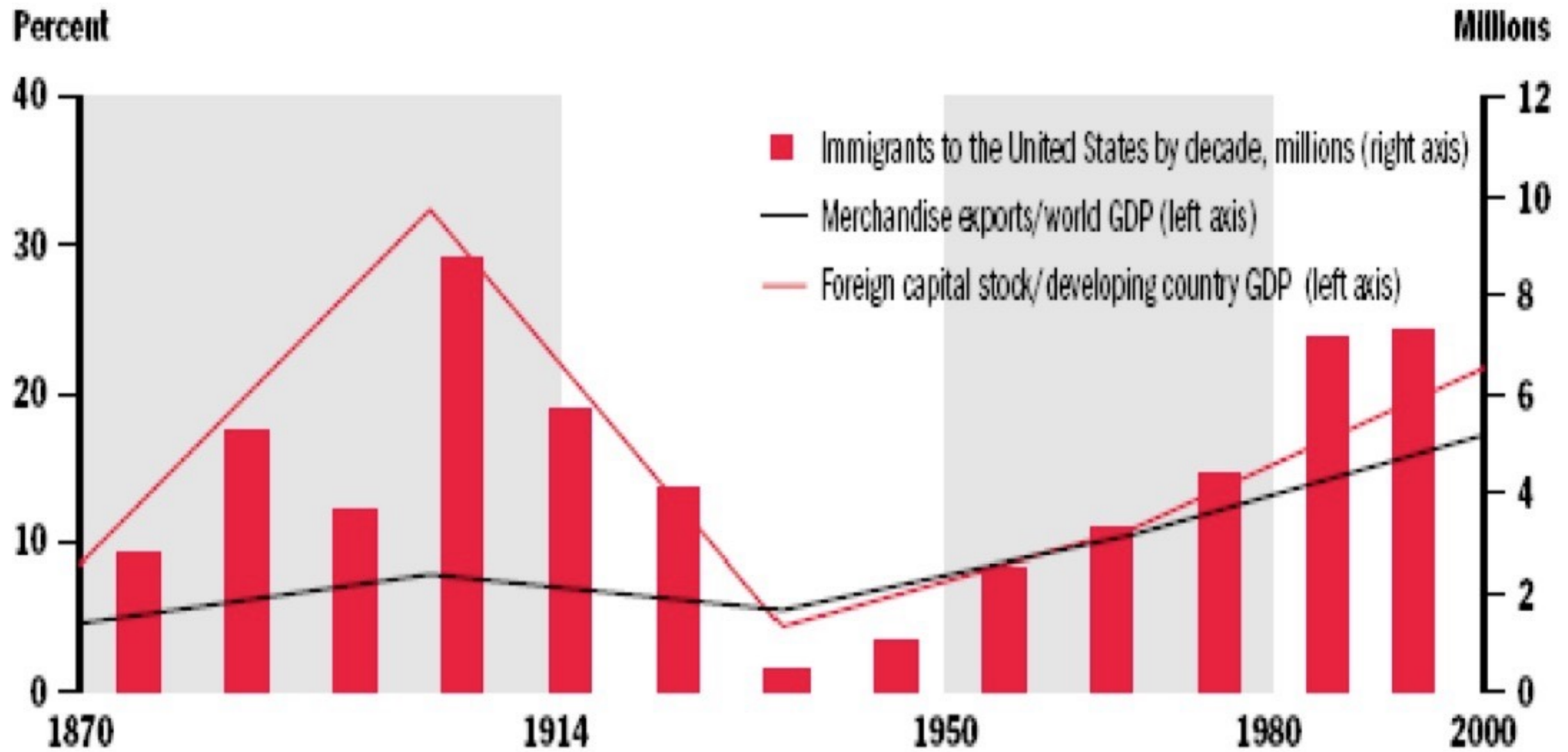
Casualties by country, 1945-2000



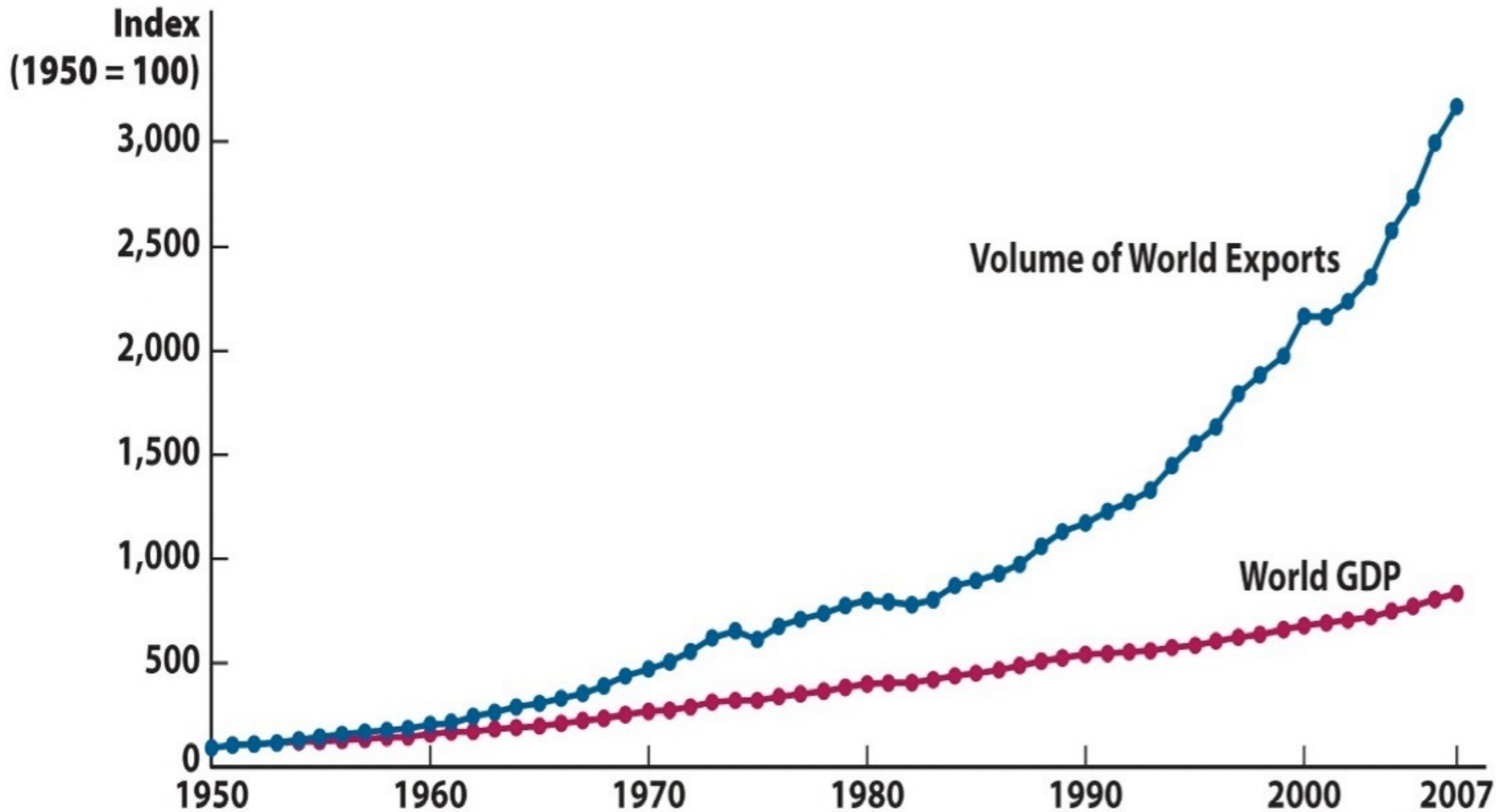
Casualties by country, 2002



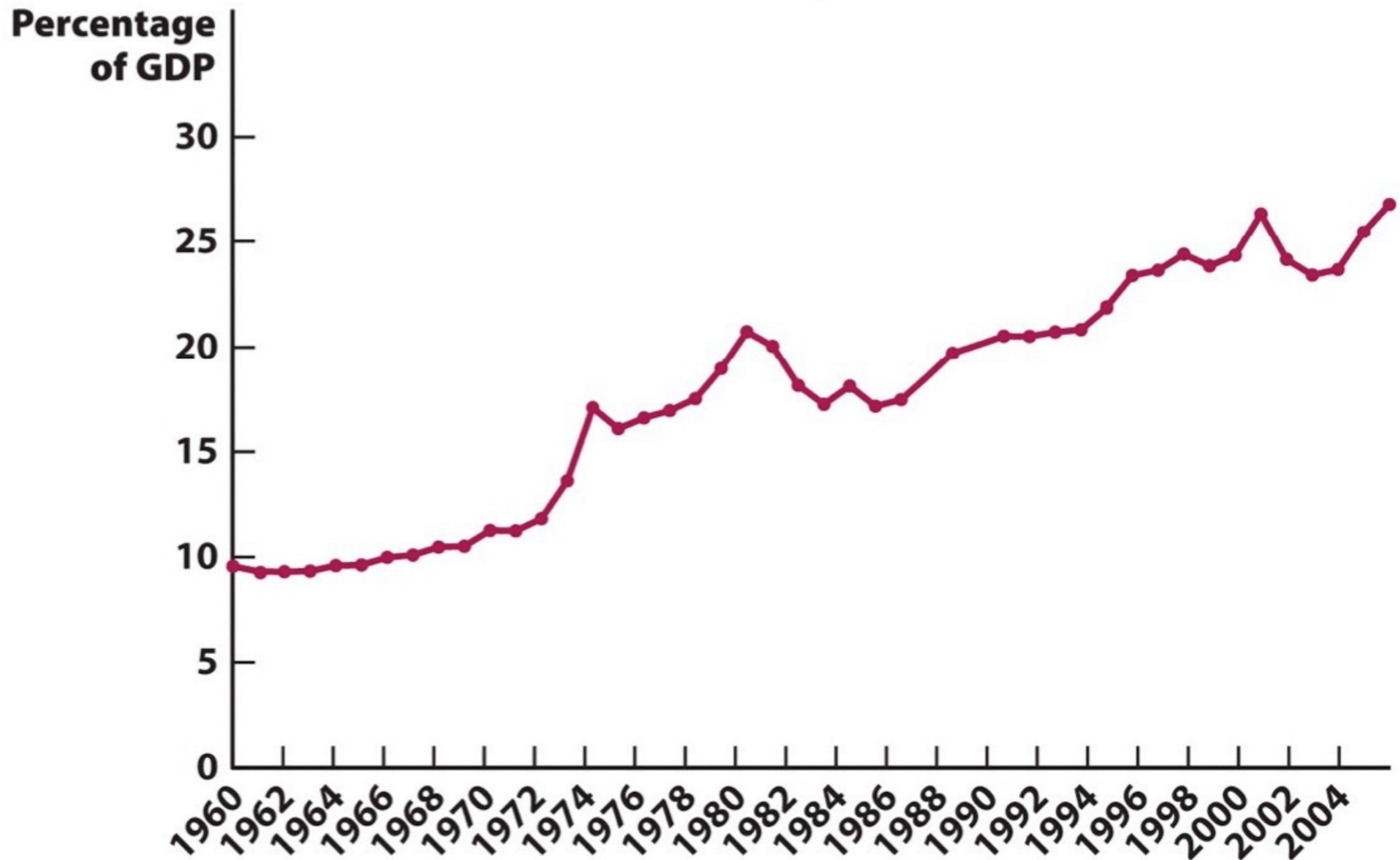
Globalization, 1870-2000



The volume of world trade, 1870-2000



US Trade as percent of GDP



Trends in global conflict and cooperation

Level of War			
		Low	High
Level of Economic Openness	Low	1) Early 19th c.	4) Interwar Years
	High	3) Late 19th c. (Pax Britannica) 5) Late 20th c. (Pax Americana)	2) Mid-19th c.

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