Quiz #8

• According to the textbook how many countries are known to possess nuclear weapons?: a) 5, b) 12, c) 7, d) 9, e) 8

• What are the only two countries that had nuclear weapons when they went to war with each other?: a) The United States and the Soviet Union, b) India and Pakistan, c.) The Soviet Union and China, d.) Argentina and Great Britain, e) Israel and Egypt.

• In the past 30 years, less then 2% of the world’s population has migrated from one country to another. From 1870 - 1910 what percentage of the world's population migrated from country to another?: a) Less then .5%, b) Less then 1%, c) about 2%, d) about 5%, e) about 10%
Re-making Iraq

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Peacekeeping

• Def. Peacekeeping - intervention to facilitate a peace treaty, armistice, etc. among combatants.

• Def. Peacemaking - intervention to compel combatants to stop fighting or maintain peace.
Does Peacekeeping Work?

• Yes and no:
  • Fortna finds that peacekeeping facilitates cooperative agreements among disputants
  • But these agreements are also more likely to break down.
• What about democracy?
  • Results are mixed
The Invasion of Iraq

• On March 20, 2003 the United States and other countries began the invasion of Iraq

• The stated goal of the invasion was:

  “to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), to end Saddam Hussein's support for terrorism, and to free the Iraqi people.”
The Invasion of Iraq, cont

- Plan:
  - “decapitate” Iraqi Bathist leadership
  - replace them with expatriates loyal to US
  - US retain bases/influence over Iraqi gov.

- What actually happened:
  - Insurgency
    - Initially ex-Bathist/military led
    - Increasingly sectarian
    - Target of opportunity for Al Qaeda, etc.
Nation Building

• Revised Plan:
  • Build a strong central government in Baghdad capable of restraining centrifugal forces.
  • US/"coalition" military fight insurgency to give time for the Baghdad government to solidify
  • Promote elections to build legitimacy
  • Eventually hand over military functions
Nation Building, cont.

• Problems with the Revised Plan:
  • Building legitimacy of Baghdad government means seeding control/weakens US influence.
  • Insurgency evolves into sectarian conflict
    • More pressure on central government
  • Elections solidify Shia control of government
    • Majority rule is despotic to minority (Sunni)
Destruction of Samarra Mosque (Feb. 22, 2006)
The Beginning of the End

- Iraq is three nations (Shia, Kurd, Sunni)
- Held together in the past by strong men
- Held apart today by oil
- Centripetal forces must exceed centrifugal forces or country will fracture
  - Right now, the US military is holding the country together
  - Cannot last
The End Game

• Options:
  • Build “effective” democracy in Iraq
  • Identify new strongman
  • Allow country to fracture