

Exam
PECOS 4010
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Answer two of the following three questions:

1. Different political systems around the world and throughout history have exhibited different degrees of order and disorder. What factors can explain political order and disorder? Discuss the relationship between state development and state fragility. What role does violence play in political development and in state fragility? How does this relationship between violence and state fragility relate to political institutions?

2. Mobilization is critical to any rebel group or non-violent campaign. Compare how a violent and a non-violent group induce an individual to join. What types of motivations would attract people to join either type of group? What types of motivations would be more likely to be used to recruit to a violent armed rebel group? What can a violent armed group do to motivate a recruit to remain in the group? Are the reasons for joining the same as for staying in a group? Compare deserting an armed rebel army that employs violent tactics to leaving a non-violent campaign. How does leaving affect each group respectively?

3. War between states has almost ceased to exist. Discuss some possible causes for this development. While interstate war has become less frequent, intrastate (civil) wars are still common. Why are civil wars more common than wars between states?