

The New Wars?

The Cognitive Turn and Its Implications

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The “New Wars” Debate

(F'0a) Bijelina, Bosnia in the Spring of 1992.

(by Ron Haviv)

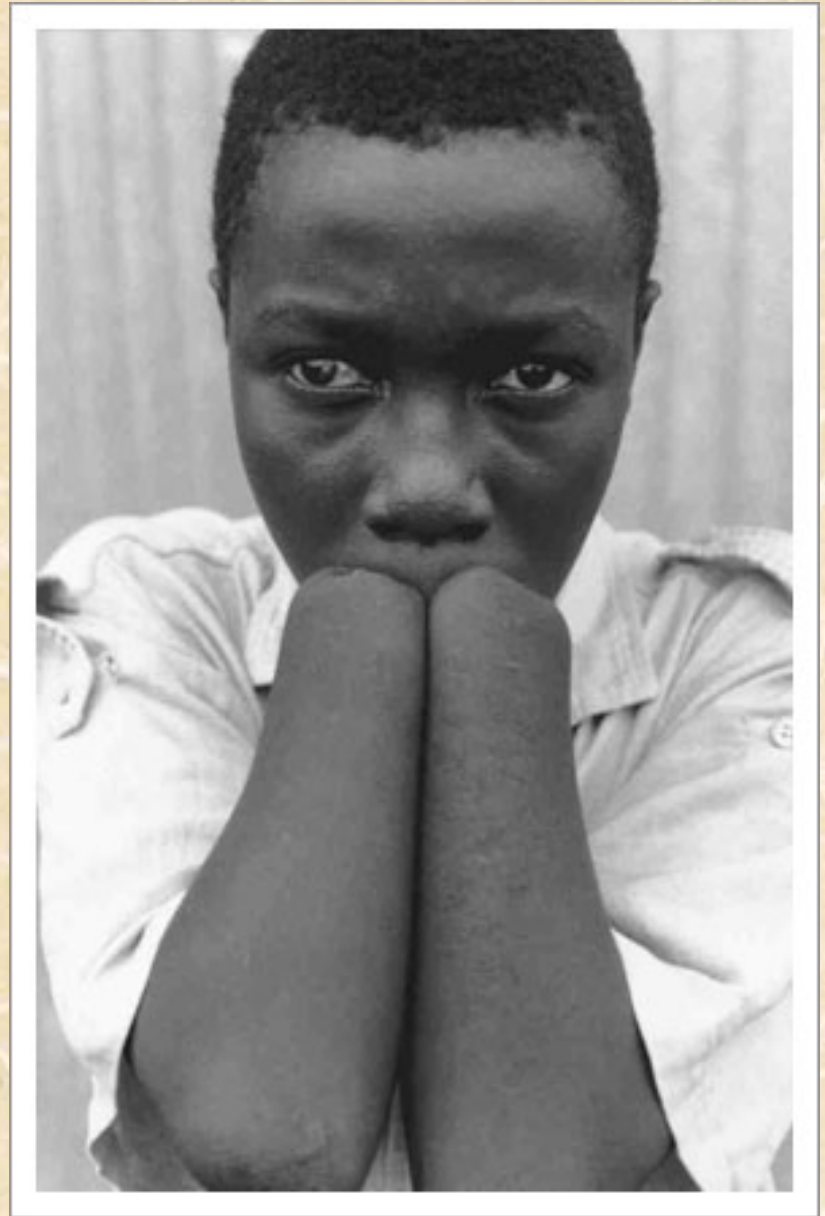


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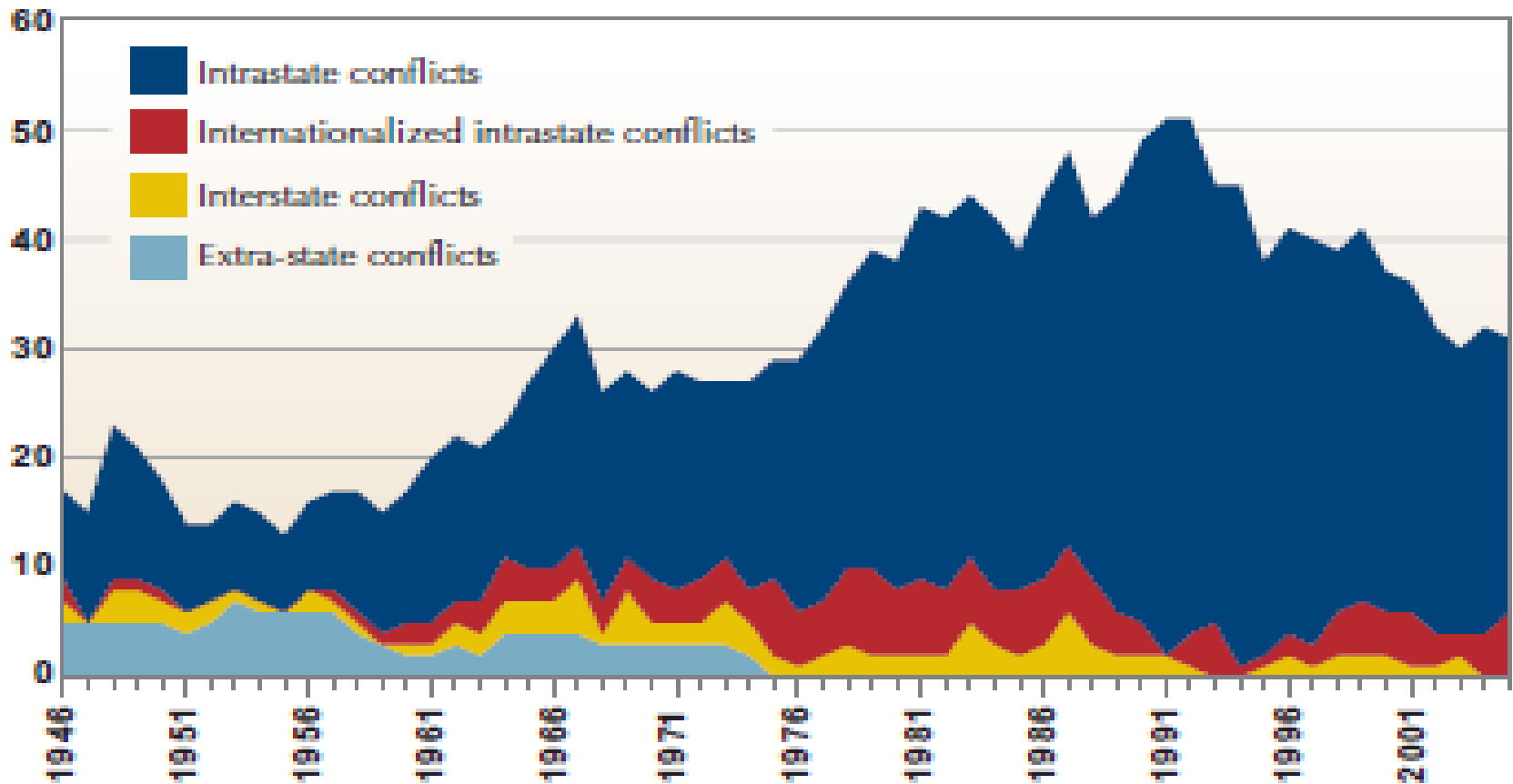
(F0b) This seventeen-year-old lost both hands to rebels’s machetes.

Waterloo camp, Sierra Leone,
1998. UNICEF / HQ96-0566 /
Giacomo Pirozzi



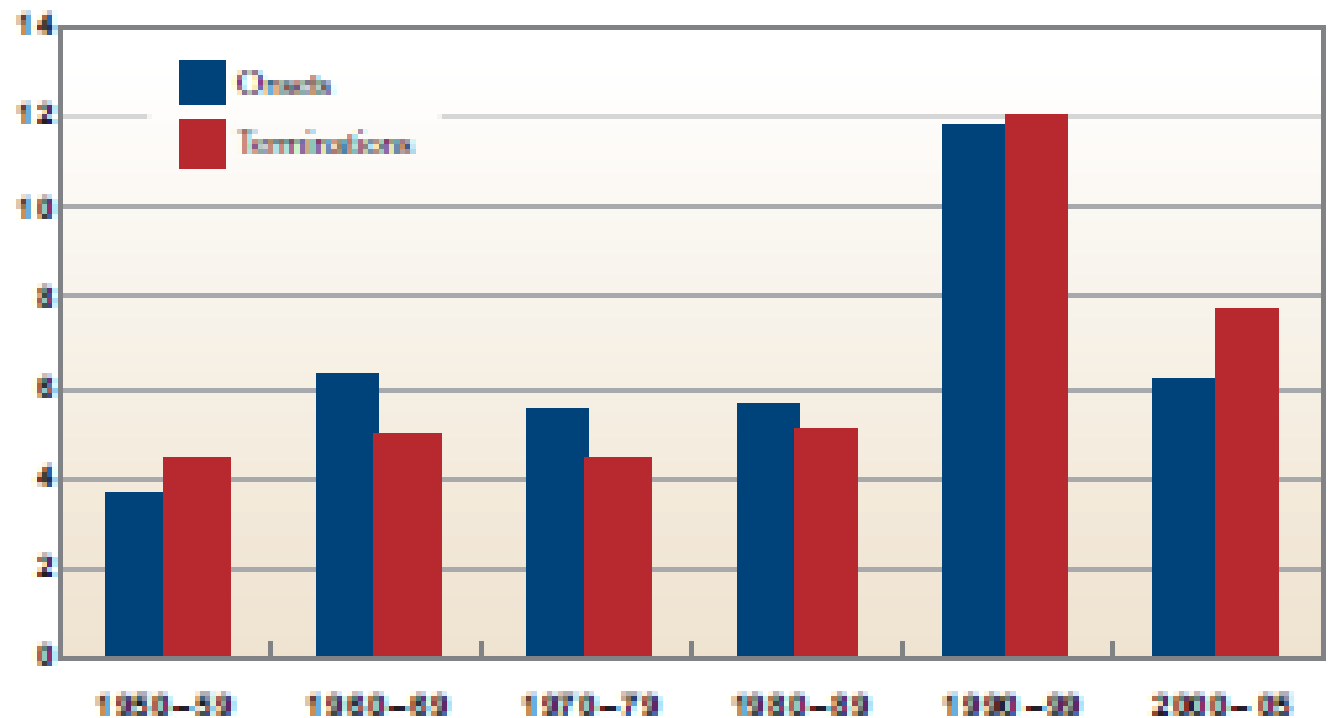
(F1) Number of State-based Armed Conflicts by Type, 1946-2005

(Source: Lotta Habom and Peter Wallensteen, "Armed Conflict, 1989-2006," *Journal of Peace Research* 44(5), 2007, pp.623-634.)



(F2) Average Number of Armed Conflict Onsets and Terminations, per Year, 1950-2005.

Figure 3.1 Average Number of Armed Conflict Onsets and Terminations, per Year, 1950-2005



Data source: LICADHO/Human Security Centre Dataset

The end of the Cold War was associated with

(F3) Numbers of State-based Armed Conflict Terminations, 1946-2005.

Figure 3.2 Number of State-based Armed Conflict Terminations, 1946-2005

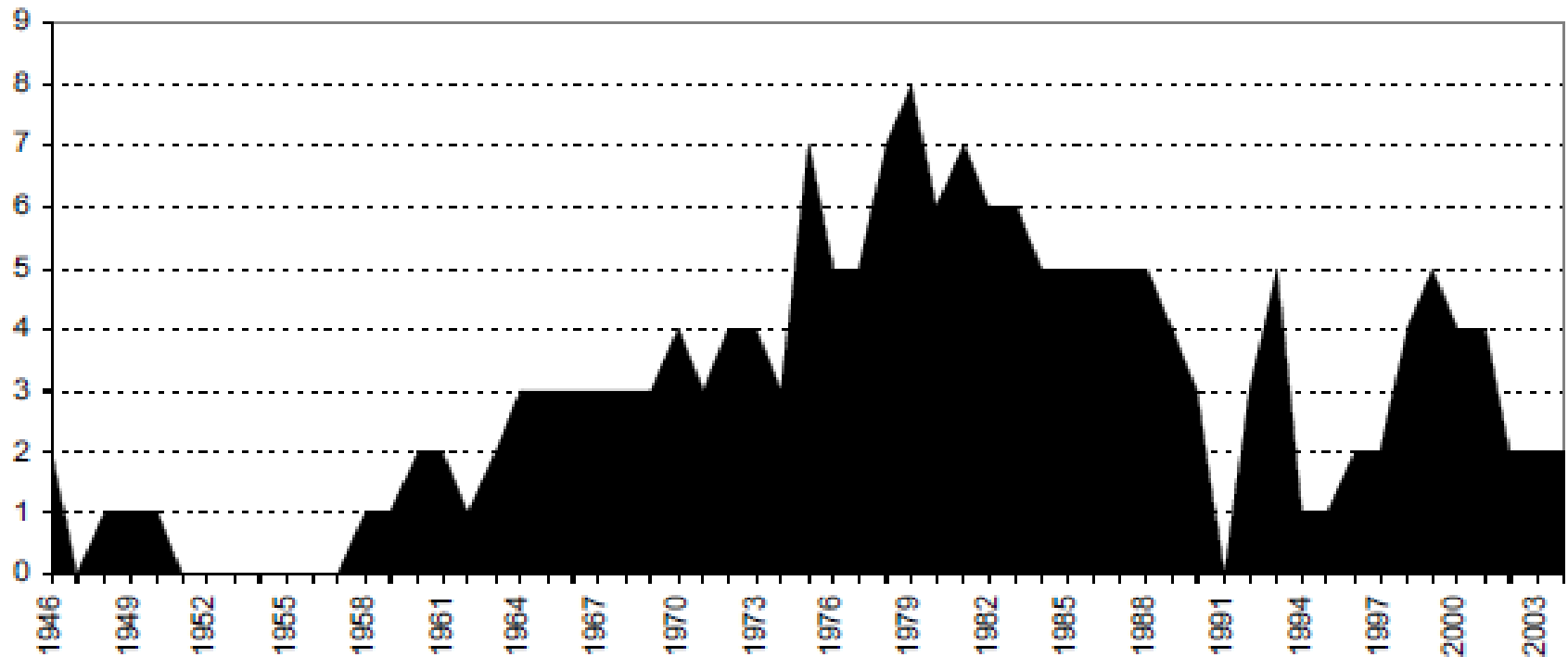
Years	Victories			Negotiated settlements*			Other			Total terminations		
	Total No.	Number restarted In under 5 years	% restarted In under 5 years	Total No.	Number restarted In under 5 years	% restarted In under 5 years	Total No.	Number restarted In under 5 years	% restarted In under 5 years	Total No.	Number restarted In under 5 years	% restarted In under 5 years
1946-49	13	1	7.7	3	0	0.0	7	0	0	23	1	4.3
1950-59	16	3	18.8	11	0	0.0	13	5	38.5	40	8	20.0
1960-69	22	2	9.1	11	3	27.3	17	3	17.6	50	8	16.0
1970-79	22	6	27.3	12	3	25.0	11	0	0	45	9	20.0
1980-89	20	4	20.0	8	1	12.5	26	15	57.7	54	20	37.0
1990-99	23	2	8.7	42	18	42.9	55	32	58.2	120	52	43.3
Total 1946-1999	116	18	15.5	87	25	28.7	129	55	42.6	332	98	29.5
2000-2005**	4	1	25.0	17	2	11.8	19	10	52.6	40	13	32.5
Total 1946-2005	120			104			148			372		

Data source: UCDP/Human Security Centre Dataset

(F4) Internationalized Armed Conflicts

(Source: Lotta Harbom & Peter Wallensteen, "Armed Conflict and Its International Dimensions, 1946-2004," *Journal of Peace Research* 42(5), 2005, pp.623-635.)

Figure 2. Internationalized Armed Conflicts, 1946–2004



(F5) Battle Deaths World Wide, 1946-2002

(Source: Bethany Lacina et al. "Monitoring Trends in Global Combat," *European Journal of Population* 21 (2005), pp.145-166.)

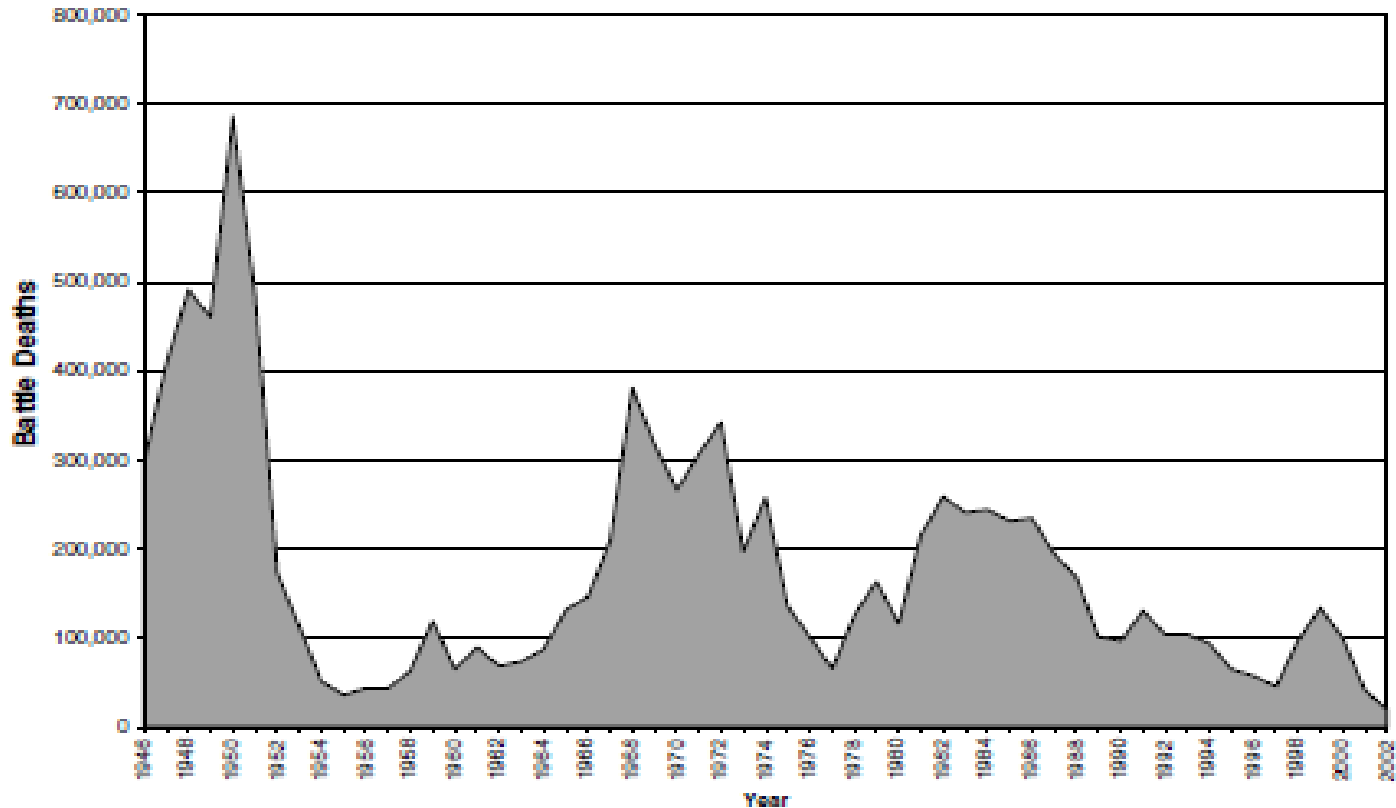


Figure 2. Battle deaths worldwide, 1946–2002.

(F6)Conflicts with the Largest Battle Death Totals

Table 1. Conflicts with the largest battle death totals

Conflict	Years	Best estimate of battle deaths*
Vietnam War	1955–1975	2,097,705*
Korean War	1950–1953	1,254,811*
Chinese Civil War	1946–1949	1,200,000
Iran–Iraq War	1980–1988	644,500
Afghan Civil War	1978–2002	562,995*

* The precision of these figures is due to exact accounting of Western losses; the accuracy should be regarded as spurious.

(F7) Battle Deaths Worldwide, 1946-2002.

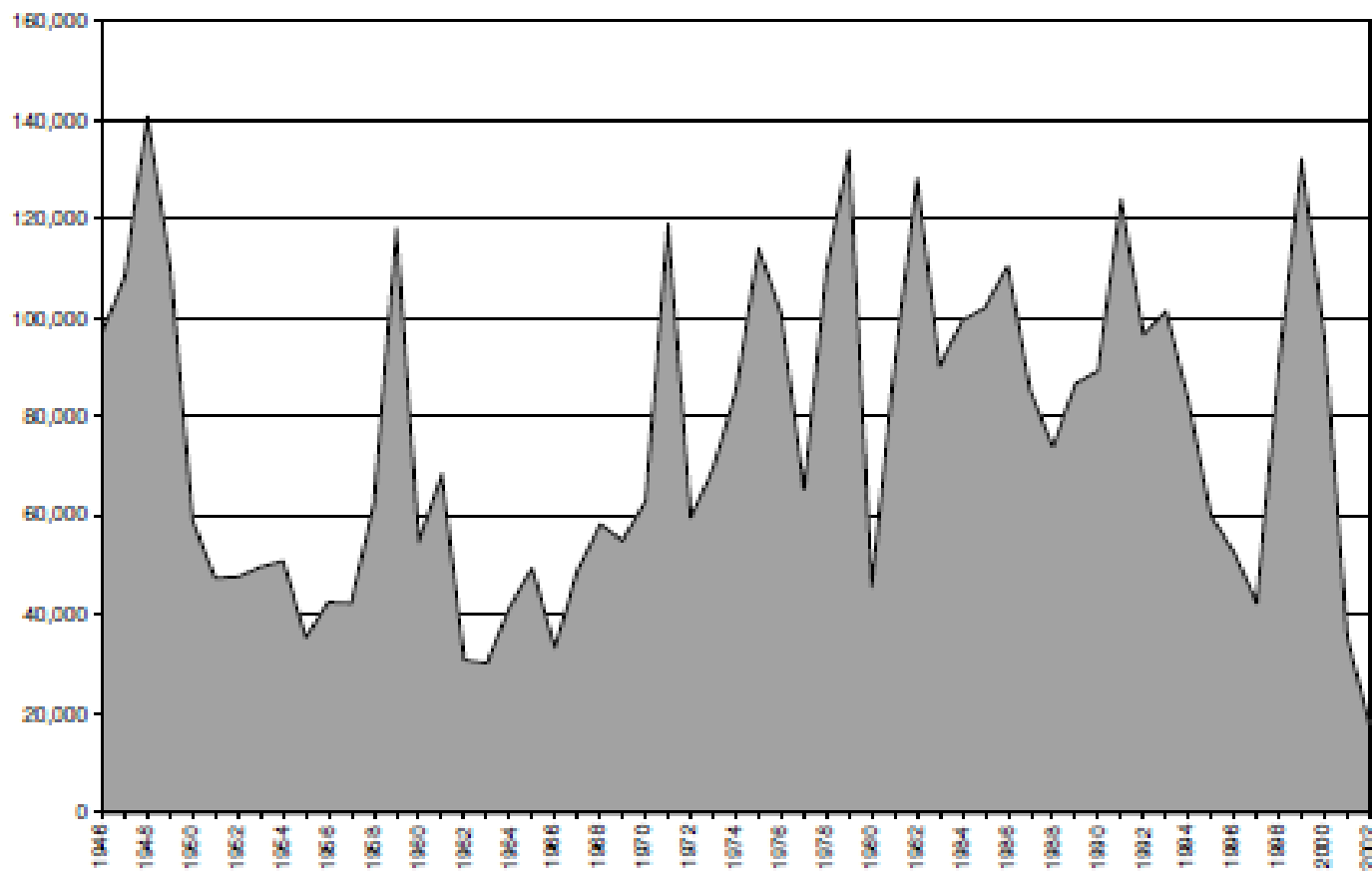


Figure 3. Battle deaths worldwide, 1946–2002, removing the five largest conflicts.

(F8) Share of Battle Deaths that Occurred in Internal Conflicts(%)

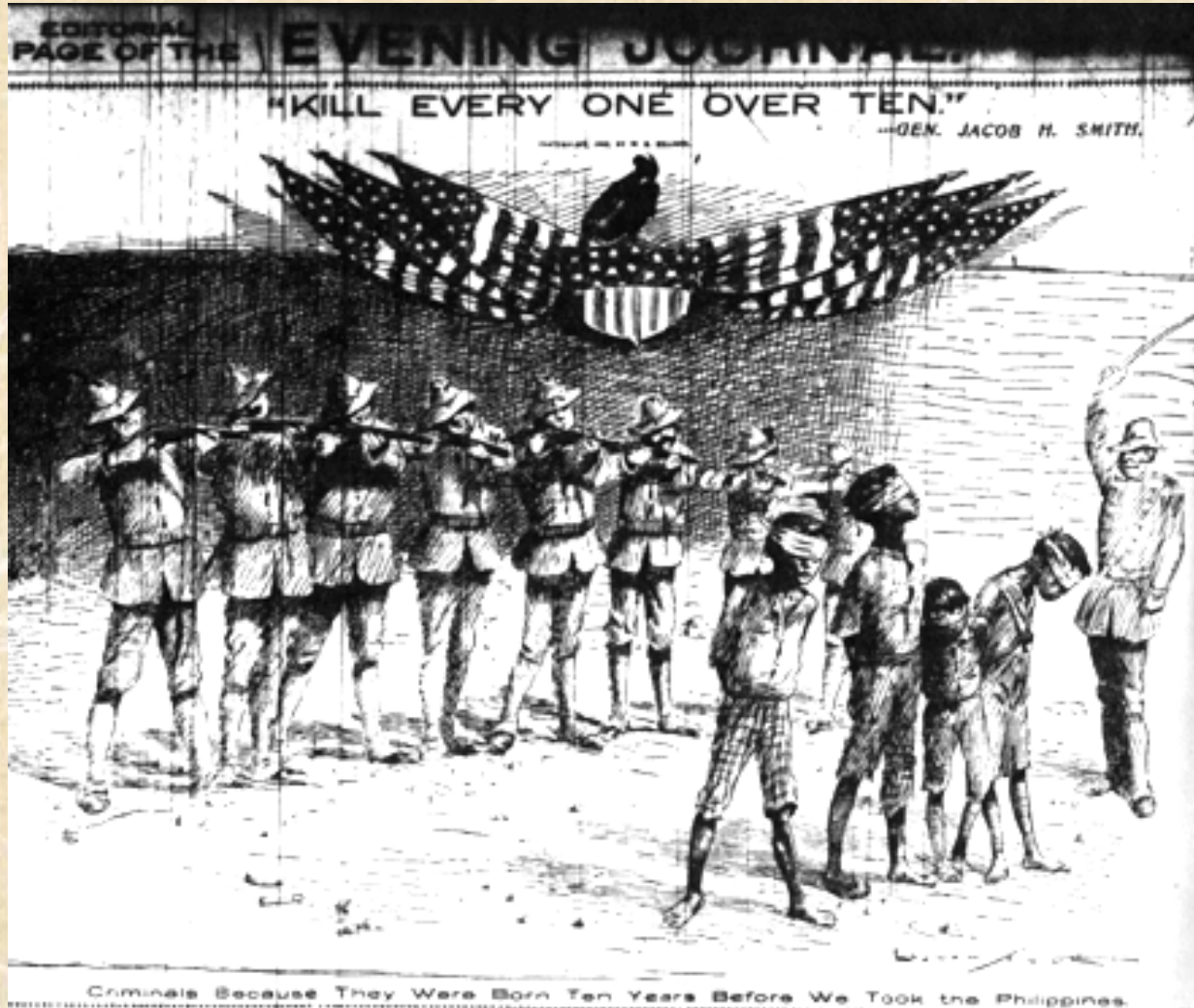
Table 3. Share of battle deaths that occurred in internal conflicts (%)

Years	Battle deaths in internal conflicts*
1946–1949	87
1950s	8
1960s	29
1970s	43
1980s	67
1990s	92
2000–02	93
1946–2002	52

*Includes internationalised internal conflicts.

(F9) Philippine-American War (1899-1902/1913)

"Kill every one over ten." - Gen. Jacob H. Smith. Bottom caption: "Criminals Because They Were Born Ten Years Before We Took the Philippines" New York Journal -- May 5, 1902.



The Lineage of the Irregular Wars

Asymmetrical Conflicts and Absolute Antagonism

(F10) The Third of May 1808. Francisco Goya



(F11) The Same thing

(from The disasters of War Goya, 1810-15.)



(F12) And are like wild beasts

(from The disasters of War Goya, 1810-15.)

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(F13)Soldiers Plundering a Farm
House (Sabastian Vrancx[1573-1647], 1620)



(F14) Pillage of Village (Sebastian Vrancx, 1620)



(F15) Ambush (Sebastian Vrancx, 1630)



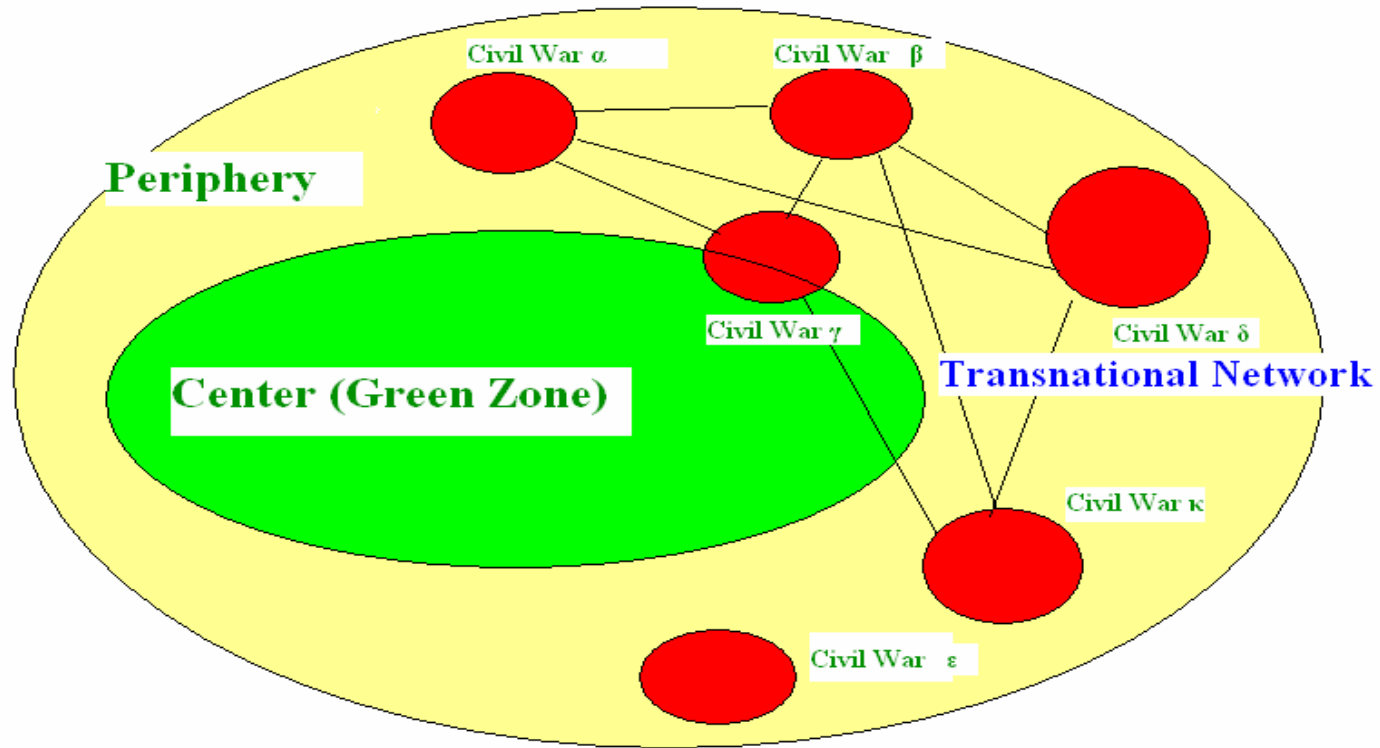
(F16)Peasants Killing a Soldier

(Hans Ulrich Franck[1573-1647], 1643)



(F17)

Global Civil War/ Global Civil Society?



Neo-liberal Global Governance and the “New Wars”

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Resource Flows in New Wars (Source: M.Kaldor, New & Old Wars.)

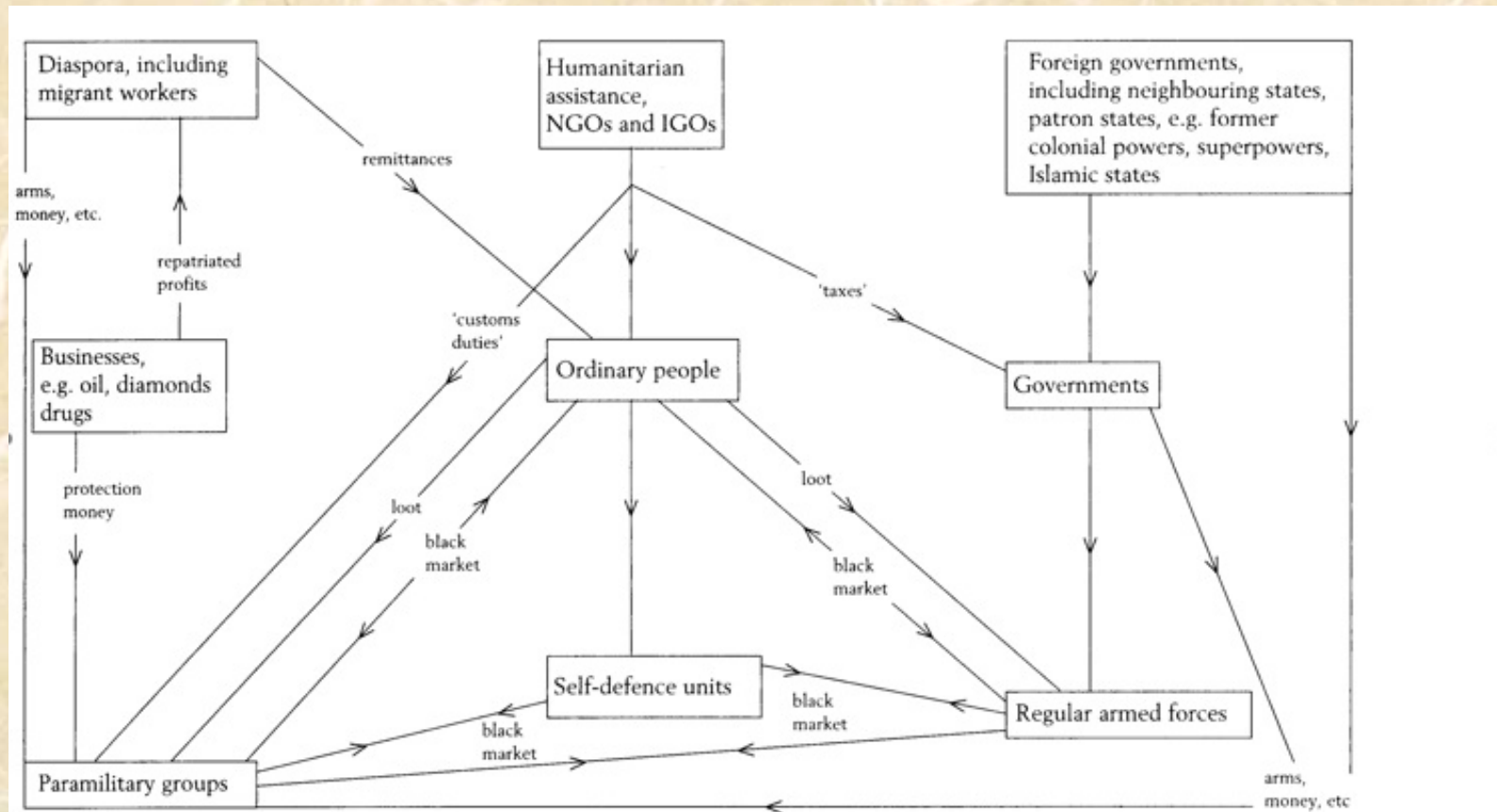
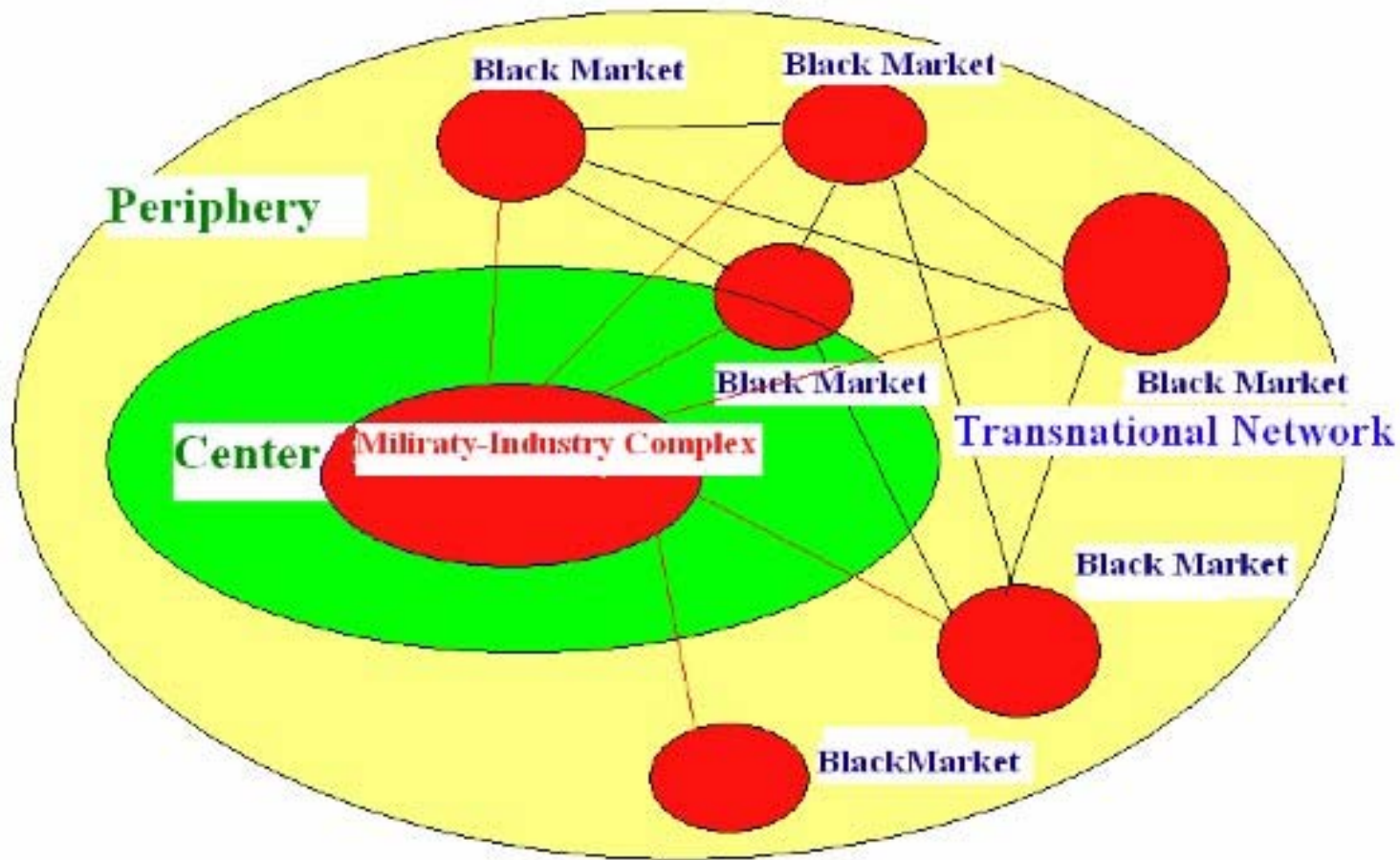


Figure 5.1 Resource flows in new wars

(F19)Shadow Globalization



Deconstruct Absolute Enmity & Correct Absolute Asymmetries

