

Subject:PLSG. SEM: 4.

TOPIC:International Relation.

Sub Topic:Liberal Theory.

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Liberal Theory in IR :Basic Assumptions:

Early Liberalism(1920-late1930).

Basic Assumptions:.

- 1) Nation-States are the main actors in IR.
- 2) Cooperation among nation -states is essential for a peaceful world order.
- 3). Nation-States that valued individual liberty and freedom in their domestic political systems can best ensure international peace.
- 4) Relations among nations would help avoid war and establish peace in the world.

Early Liberal Theorists: N.Angel,W.Wilson.

POST 2ND WORLD WAR LIBERALISM (1945-70s):.

Basic Assumptions :.

- 1) Nation -States are not the only actors in IR;individuals,groups,societal organizations are also important actors.
- 2) Technological advancement and economic interests bind the states in a complex web of interdependence.This Interdependence promotes a cooperative international order.
- 3) International institutions like the UNO,WTO,EU, NATO help to promote International Cooperation and strengthen efforts for peace.
- 4) Democracy and competitive economy can ensure international peace.
- 5) Democratic states seeks peaceful resolution of conflicts and do not fight with each other.
- 6) Competitive market economy keeps away security fears of Nation-States states,because commercial interests become the primary concern of states.

Leading Theorists: A.J.P.Taylor, E.Hass, J.Nye, R.Keohane,D.Mitrany,M.Doyle.

NEO LIBERAL THEORY:.

Basic Assumptions:.

- 1) Economic Liberalism is marked by free trade and globalization.
- 2) Minium state intervention in economic life-discarding of the Keynesian model.
- 3) Failure of Laissez faire theory to remove state control in economic life.
- 4) Free trade can ensure domestic and international peace and security because states are engaged in the economic development process,and shy away from war.
- 5) In the 21st cenriry,cooperation and Interdependence of states are possible through globalization.

Leading Theorists : C.B.Macpherson, T.Friedman, F.Fukuyama, K.Ohmae.