Revolution 6: Security

How do we balance state competition/conflict with the increased pressures of transnational threats?

RESOURCES

Sample discussion questions

- Asymmetrical violence (including terrorism) has historically accompanied eras of global economic expansion and rapid technological change. How might the technologies and movements of goods, people, and money that power globalization also inspire violence? What steps can be taken to mitigate reactionary movements to the forces of globalization? Is this violence nihilistic or simply "politics by other means"? How are economics likely to drive conflict in the future?

- How would the global risk calculus of individuals, organizations, and governments shift if a weapon of mass destruction (WMDs) were detonated in a heavily populated city? The likelihood of such an event is high according to experts around the globe. Would such an event promote closer cooperation between countries in fighting the spread of WMDs or would it drive countries further apart and back within their sovereign borders?

- How does fighting a war against an ambiguous, non-state foe alter existing relations between countries? What are the keys to transforming military and police forces to meet the challenges of guarding against the threats of today and tomorrow? How might judiciary systems and international organizations be reformed to meet these threats? How many civil liberties will citizens give up to increase their feelings of security? What actions carried out by the state on their behalf will they tolerate?

* From, Educating Globally Competent Citizens A Tool Kit for Teaching Seven Revolutions
Web Resources

CSIS International Security
CSIS reports of the Strategic Assessment Project
CSIS Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Program
CSIS Scholl Chair in International Business
CSIS Simon Chair in Political Economy
National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism
Small Arms Survey
Human Security Report
International Crisis Group
The Corporate Social Responsibility Newswire
LSE Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit

Videos

Stolen Childhoods
Science Diplomacy for Global Security (Panel discussion)
Inside Story - Is climate change a global security threat?
Organized Crime and Transnational Threats (Video)
Joseph Nye on global power shifts
What effects do transnational threats have on governance in Central Asia?

Further Reading
