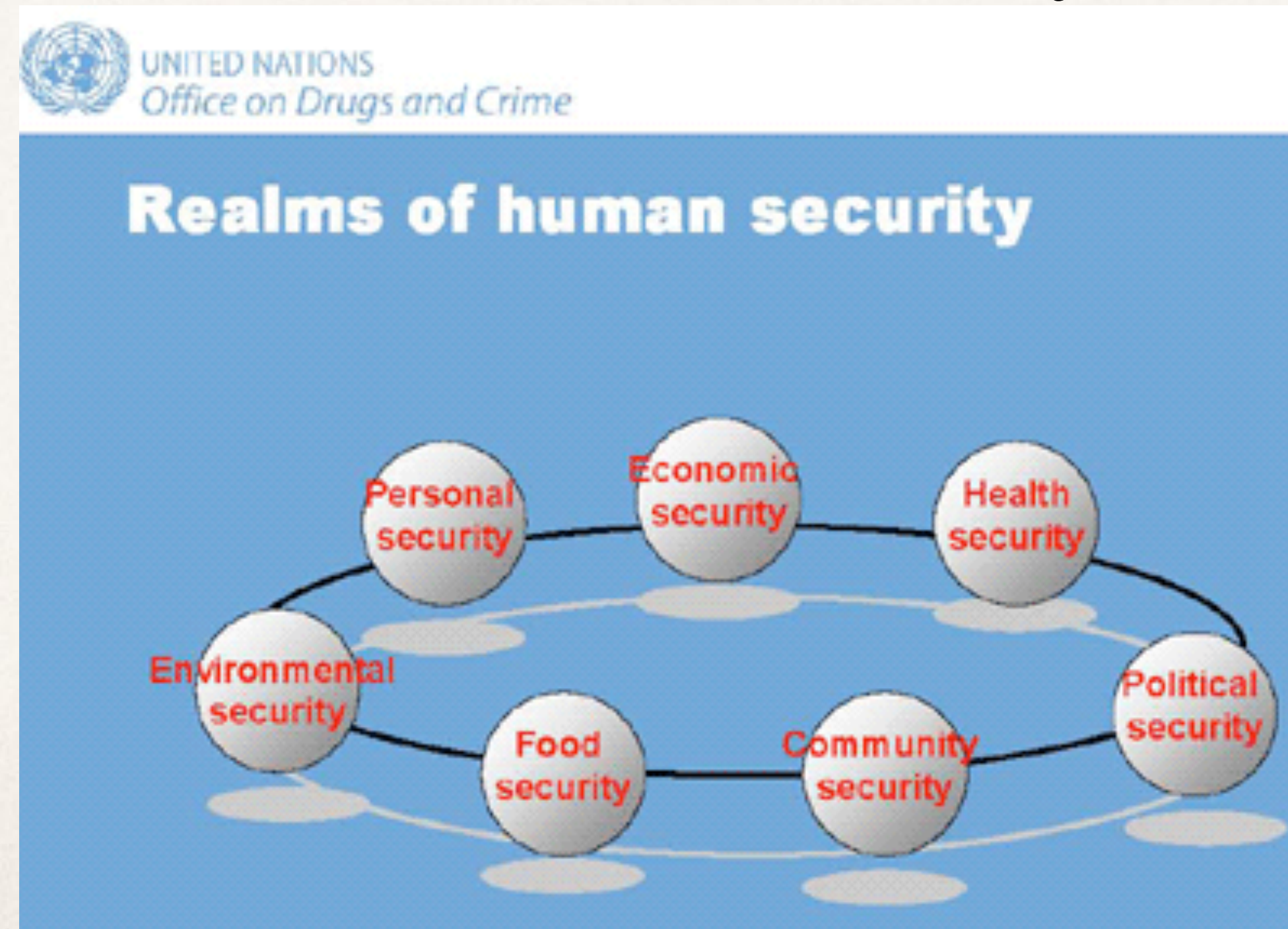# Human Security

Peer Discussion

✤ What is human security, and is it a useful idea?

Human Security

✤ Effort to redefine security away from the state

✤ Draw attention to the ways in the state harms security

✤ Individual is the referent

UN HDR 1994

✤ Economic security (basic income)

✤ Food security (access to basic food)

✤ Environmental security (safety from natural and human environmental threats)

✤ Personal security (physical safety)

✤ Community security (community relations and values)

✤ Political security (Basic human rights)

Human Security

✣ Solution: Human development

✣ Freedom from fear

✣ Freedom from want

  ✣ What role for structural violence?

✣ Critics
  ✣ Concept too broad to be analytically useful
  ✣ Often unmatched by policy
  ✣ State is still the primary provider of security

✣ Gender plays an important role in human security

Peer Discussion

✤ How do you preserve or guarantee human security?

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