Human Security

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Peer Discussion

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

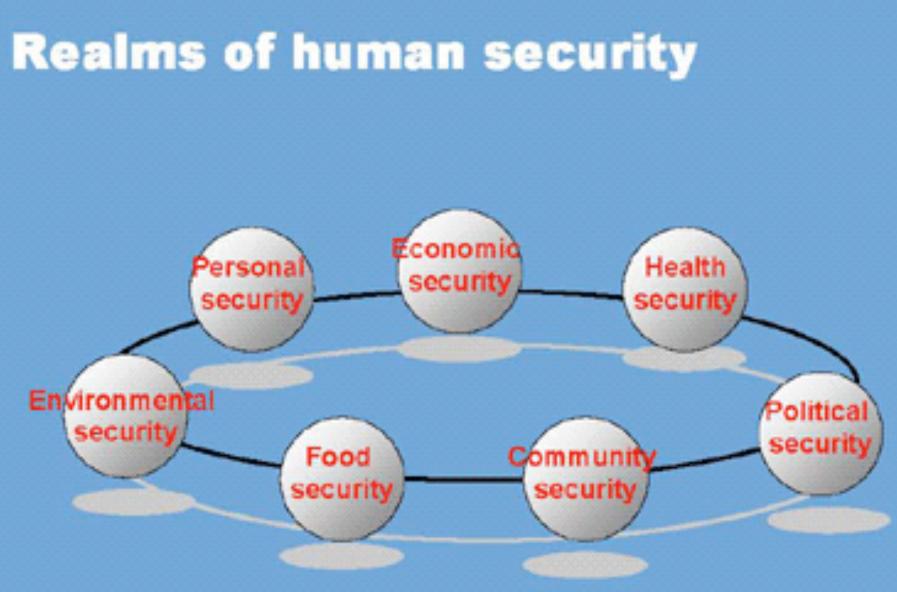


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Effort to redefine security away from the state

- Draw attention to the ways in the state harms security
- Individual is the referent





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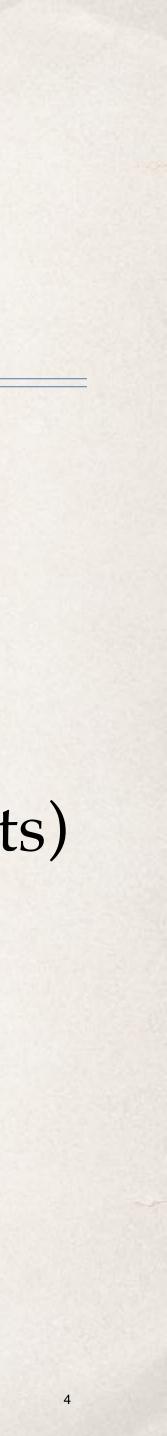


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- Economic security (basic income)
- Food security (access to basic food)
- Personal security (physical safety)
- Community security (community relations and values)
- Political security (Basic human rights)

Environmental security (safety from natural and human environmental threats)





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 *



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How do you preserve or guarantee human security?



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