

Профиль:

«Международные отношения: европейские и азиатские исследования» КОД - 250

Время выполнения задания – 120 мин.

I. ОБЩАЯ ЧАСТЬ

Прочтите текст, изложите основные идеи автора и дайте их оценку (на русском языке).

The Age of Entropy

Why the New World Order Won't Be Orderly

Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, foreign policy experts have been predicting that the United States' days as global hegemon are coming to a close. But rather than asking themselves which country is most likely to replace the United States, they ought to be asking themselves whether the concept of global hegemony still applies in our era.

It increasingly seems that the world will no longer have a single superpower, or group of superpowers, that brings order to international politics. Instead, it will have a variety of powers -- including nations, multinational corporations, ideological movements, global crime and terror groups, and human rights organizations -- jockeying with each other, mostly unsuccessfully, to achieve their goals. International politics is transforming from a system anchored in predictable, and relatively constant, principles to a system that is, if not inherently unknowable, far more erratic, unsettled, and devoid of behavioral regularities. In terms of geopolitics, we have moved from an age of order to an age of entropy.

The shift began in the twentieth century, with the advent of nuclear weapons and the spread of economic globalization, which together have made war among the great powers unthinkable. As many scholars have pointed out, the world has enjoyed the longest period of relative peace in recorded history. The absence of cataclysmic wars among great powers has obviously been a great boon. But it has also come at a real cost. For the past several centuries, wars between the extant power in the international system and the rising challenger or challengers have occurred every hundred years or so, crowning a new leading power, which is responsible for organizing international politics and shouldering the burdens of global leadership.

Power is already more diffuse than it ever has been. And it is growing more so by the year. Interactions between political actors are also characterized by greater entropy. The digital revolution has allowed information to spread farther than ever before, empowering average citizens, celebrities, corporations, terrorists, religious movements, and shadowy transnational criminal groups. The power these groups can exert, however, is unconventional. They have the power to disrupt, to stop things from happening, but they don't have the power to enact their own agendas. Twitter, Facebook, and text messaging have allowed citizens to organize massive demonstrations and topple dictatorial governments. But there is little reason to believe that citizens organized via social media are able to institute political changes.

The age of entropy will not be a utopia, but it need not bring us to despair. Disorder does not suppress all that is good in the world. Without great wars, we have enjoyed prosperous and peaceful times. Nor is disorder itself something to fear or loathe. "The struggle itself," as Albert Camus famously pointed out, "is enough to fill a man's heart. One must imagine Sisyphus happy." Like Sisyphus, we need to embrace the unknowable, to accept our

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unintelligible world and our futile struggle to come to terms with its incomprehensibility.
For better or worse, we have no other choice.

II. СПЕЦИАЛЬНАЯ ЧАСТЬ

Выберите и выполните только один из блоков заданий специальной части в соответствии с выбранной вами программой магистерской подготовки

Блок 1. Европейские исследования

Дайте развернутые ответы.

1. **Общественный договор у Гоббса и Руссо: общее и различное.**
2. **Франко-германское примирение как фактор европейской интеграции.**

Блок 2. Азиатские исследования

Дайте развернутые ответы.

1. **Брахманизм и буддизм в Древней Индии.**
2. **Экономический регионализм АТР: тенденции и перспективы развития.**

