

[Free pdf] The Clash of Ideas in World Politics: Transnational Networks, States, and Regime Change, 1510-2010 (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics)

The Clash of Ideas in World Politics: Transnational Networks, States, and Regime Change, 1510-2010 (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics)

John M. Owen

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#1180665 in Books J M Owen 2010-08-08 2010-08-08Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.21 x .88 x 6.061, 1.10 #File Name: 0691142394352 pagesThe Clash of Ideas in World Politics Transnational Networks States and Regime Change 1510 2010 | File size: 48.Mb

John M. Owen : The Clash of Ideas in World Politics: Transnational Networks, States, and Regime Change, 1510-2010 (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether

or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Clash of Ideas in World Politics: Transnational Networks, States, and Regime Change, 1510-2010* (Princeton Studies in International History and Politics):

5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Academic, Historical Focus on States
By Robert David STEELE
Vivas
In comparison to *Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft, and World Order*, which is receiving a 6+ from my (my top 10%), this is at best a 4 for the general public of which I am a part. It has its academic testimonials, in that world it seems to be a solid 5. The author focuses on the period from 1510-2010 and on forcible regime change among polarized elites. While the author clearly states his intent to confront realism theory and to provide an alternative history over five centuries, the book leaves me bored and cold. Ideas matter, the author tells us. He documents (most ably) three waves, three ideological struggles. First wave 1520-1650, Catholic Church versus monarchs. Second wave 1770-1850, Monarchs versus republicans/constitutionalists. Third wave 1919 to date, Export of fascism, communism, and liberal democracy. My biggest problem with this book--and I confess to early impatience--is its general treatment of "states" as relatively monolithic beings. While the elites are addressed--particularly when they split--this book just does not resonate with me. I have a note: "an ideological book with little relevance to ground truths today." The author equates ideas with ideology; innovation is not in the index. The author certainly does a thorough job of exploring his particular interest, and I do receive a broad sense of the curves--theology descending to reformation, rising again to statism and fascism, and then downward to individualism/populism. The author writes to the "crisis of legitimacy" but I just do not get the same of ground truth and connection to reality that I do from books such as those by Max Manwaring and Monty Marshall. *The Search for Security: A U.S. Grand Strategy for the Twenty-First Century*. Uncomfortable Wars Revisited (International and Security Affairs). Third World War: System, Process, and Conflict Dynamics. The author concludes with an overview of today featuring Bolivarism, authoritarian capitalism, and state-centric predation. Populism does not really surface in this book, and I have a note that the author is in low company, specifically: *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. *The End of History and the Last Man*. *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy And Its Geostrategic Imperatives*. At the end of the book my disappointment is strong. I have a note, nothing on bankers, and remind myself of two books: *Tragedy Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*. *Naked Capitalist*. The author has a very good reputation on the basis of his earlier work and I certainly believe the testimonials about the academic value of this work but it just does not work for me with its neglect of memoirs and its totally academic manner--I have a note, "academic book in academic tongues." Bottom line: can be used to abuse PhD candidates, but not for undergraduates or inter-disciplinary graduates. Turgid and just a bit annoying. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *The Clash of Ideas in World Politics*.
By Irvine H. Anderson
The book is very well researched and obviously authoritative. But I found it a bit too dense and complex to make easy reading. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *Understanding the Arab Spring*.
By Susan Southworth
John M. Owen's exploration of transnational ideological contests provides a new paradigm for analyzing the tumult of the 2011 Arab Spring. Taking a long historical view, he arrives at a sensible evaluation of the competing Muslim visions. The struggle he records, between secularism and Islamism beginning with Atatürk, is ongoing today. Owen explores the ramifications of human rights oriented NGOs who conceive of themselves as nonpolitical but are emphatically political in their effect. Owen's presentation of the downside of external regime change is sorely needed. One can only hope the Washington administration will read and benefit from this excellent presentation.

Some blame the violence and unrest in the Muslim world on Islam itself, arguing that the religion and its history is inherently bloody. Others blame the United States, arguing that American attempts to spread democracy by force have destabilized the region, and that these efforts are somehow radical or unique. Challenging these views, *The Clash of Ideas in World Politics* reveals how the Muslim world is in the throes of an ideological struggle that extends far beyond the Middle East, and how struggles like it have been a recurring feature of international relations since the dawn of the modern European state. John Owen examines more than two hundred cases of forcible regime promotion over the past five centuries, offering the first systematic study of this common state practice. He looks at conflicts between Catholicism and Protestantism between 1520 and the 1680s; republicanism and monarchy between 1770 and 1850; and communism, fascism, and liberal democracy from 1917 until the late 1980s. He shows how regime promotion can follow regime unrest in the eventual target state or a war involving a great power, and how this can provoke elites across states to polarize according to ideology. Owen traces how conflicts arise and ultimately fade as one ideology wins favor with more elites in more countries, and he demonstrates how the struggle between secularism and Islamism in Muslim countries today reflects broader transnational trends in world history.

Winner of the 2011 Leppgold Prize, Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University "The historical narratives Owen employs to test this theory are nuanced, illuminating, and a joy to read."--Peter Liberman, *Foreign Affairs* "Owen provides the most compelling explanatory framework to date for examining forcible regime promotions, supported by a convincing historical narrative that sets the bar high for future works on the subject. More importantly, Owen's book is a welcome contribution providing a timely toolbox for both academics and policy analysts to examine

the ongoing events in the Middle East and beyond."--Luca Tardelli, International Affairs"Owen . . . makes use of formidable analytical skills to reveal patterns in 209 instances internationally and demonstrate the use of regime promotion as a strategic weapon. . . . Recommended."--Ellen J. Jenkins, Canadian Journal of History"[T]he depth of learning that informs the historical aim of Owen's text is proof of the validity of historical work, regardless of the fact that it does not and cannot enable us to make precise predictions."--Jeff Noonan, European LegacyFrom the Inside Flap"This book is a major contribution to the literature on hierarchy in international relations. It empirically demonstrates more convincingly than any other study to date that forcible regime change is a normal tool of statecraft. Owens focus on the importance of transnational ideological polarization as the primary cause of such activity is an explanation that materialists cannot ignore."--Stephen D. Krasner, Stanford University"This book is a major contribution to the history and theory of international relations. We were already in debt to John Owen for his excellent, nuanced analysis of the notion that democracies do not fight each other. This volume is far more ambitious and proves that--as in world politics itself--ideas and historical understanding are more important than accumulations of numbers."--Stanley Hoffmann, Harvard University"John Owen has produced another important book, this one about using force to change regimes in other countries. On a topic soaked with harsh rhetoric and strong emotions, Owen offers historical perspective and serious analysis. His data is striking. It shows that forcible regime changes come in waves, clustered in certain periods, followed by long lulls. Owen helps us understand the logic of this pattern, especially the complex motives of great powers that intervene to change how others are governed."--Charles Lipson, University of Chicago"This is an ambitious, well-conceived, and important book that takes on an extremely large topic across history and across theoretical perspectives. It places the current 'war of ideas' between Islam and the West within a wider context of the recurrence of such ideological clashes in world politics. One of Owens crucial insights is that these conflicts are closer to the norm than the exception."--Marc Lynch, author of Voices of the New Arab Public"This book answers an extremely timely question: why do states use military force to change the governing regimes of other states? Analyzing five centuries of international history, Owen explains how ideological divisions shape cooperation and conflict in world politics. This important, accessible, and convincing work contains crucial insights for academics and policy analysts--whether they seek to understand the past, make sense of the present, or shape the future."--Daniel H. Nexon, author of The Struggle for Power in Early Modern EuropeFrom the Back Cover"This book is a major contribution to the literature on hierarchy in international relations. It empirically demonstrates more convincingly than any other study to date that forcible regime change is a normal tool of statecraft. Owen's focus on the importance of transnational ideological polarization as the primary cause of such activity is an explanation that materialists cannot ignore."--Stephen D. Krasner, Stanford University"This book is a major contribution to the history and theory of international relations. We were already in debt to John Owen for his excellent, nuanced analysis of the notion that democracies do not fight each other. This volume is far more ambitious and proves that--as in world politics itself--ideas and historical understanding are more important than accumulations of numbers."--Stanley Hoffmann, Harvard University"John Owen has produced another important book, this one about using force to change regimes in other countries. On a topic soaked with harsh rhetoric and strong emotions, Owen offers historical perspective and serious analysis. His data is striking. It shows that forcible regime changes come in waves, clustered in certain periods, followed by long lulls. Owen helps us understand the logic of this pattern, especially the complex motives of great powers that intervene to change how others are governed."--Charles Lipson, University of Chicago"This is an ambitious, well-conceived, and important book that takes on an extremely large topic across history and across theoretical perspectives. It places the current 'war of ideas' between Islam and the West within a wider context of the recurrence of such ideological clashes in world politics. One of Owen's crucial insights is that these conflicts are closer to the norm than the exception."--Marc Lynch, author of Voices of the New Arab Public"This book answers an extremely timely question: why do states use military force to change the governing regimes of other states? Analyzing five centuries of international history, Owen explains how ideological divisions shape cooperation and conflict in world politics. This important, accessible, and convincing work contains crucial insights for academics and policy analysts--whether they seek to understand the past, make sense of the present, or shape the future."--Daniel H. Nexon, author of The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe