

# Kenneth Waltz

## Quotes

*War, States, Men, Law, Games, Reason, Unity, Doe, Understanding,  
Anarchism, Wealth, Harmony, Choices, Function, Weakness, Produce,  
Geography And History, World, Real, Theory*

States in the world are like individuals in the state of nature. They are neither perfectly good nor are they controlled by law.

~Kenneth Waltz

In anarchy there is no automatic harmony .

~Kenneth Waltz

Then what explains war among states? Rousseau's answer is really that war occurs because there is nothing to prevent it.

~Kenneth Waltz

If we are to have peace, we must learn loyalty to a larger group. And before we can learn loyalty, the thing to which we are to be loyal must be created.

~Kenneth Waltz

The most important causes of political arrangements and acts are found in the nature and behavior of man.

~Kenneth Waltz

Once socialism replaces capitalism, reason will determine the policies of states.

~Kenneth Waltz

Each man does seek his own interest, but, unfortunately, not according to the dictates of reason.

~Kenneth Waltz

To build a theory of international relations on accidents of geography and history is dangerous.

~Kenneth Waltz

The implication of game theory, which is also the implication of the third image, is, however, that the freedom of choice of any one state is

limited by the actions of the others.

~Kenneth Waltz

War may achieve a redistribution of resources, but labor, not war, creates wealth.

~Kenneth Waltz

External pressure seems to produce internal unity.

~Kenneth Waltz

It is not true that were the Soviet Union to disappear the remaining states could easily live in peace.

~Kenneth Waltz

The transitory interests of royal houses may be advanced in war; the real interests of all people are furthered by the peace.

~Kenneth Waltz

No system of balance functions automatically.

~Kenneth Waltz

Is it capitalism or states that must be destroyed in order to get peace, or must both be abolished?

~Kenneth Waltz

To solve these problems one needs as much an understanding of politics as an understanding of man - and the one cannot be derived from the other.

~Kenneth Waltz

In a zero-sum game, the problem is entirely one of distribution, not at all one of production.

~Kenneth Waltz

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