

* The Battle of Saipan 1944 U.S. vs. Japan

A. Causal Origins of The Pacific War -

1. Playing the Probabilities
2. Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941)

B. Domestic Commitment Japan at U.S. - High Levels of Domestic Mobilization

C. Combat Compliance

The Island Battles - 1943-45

1. Saipan - 80,000

U.S. Troops (20% Casualties)

2. Japan 40,000 Defenders
40,000 Casualties All Dead.

I. Course Themes

A. Causality And WAR
1. The W.W.I Case

B. Paradox of
Domestic Commitment

C. Problem of Combat
Compliance

D. Cases: W.W.I and
W.W.II; Korea; Vietnam;
U.S. Civil WAR; WARS
of 18th 1700's; Napoleon,
and American Revolution

E. Rationality And
WAR.

1. The Rational WAR Choice

F. Domestic Commitment and Combat Compliance

1. Domestic Commitment.
The Paradox of Escalating
WAR Costs And Escalating
Domestic Commitment To
Mobilization

2. Combat Compliance.
Accepting the Risks of
Mortal Peril

G. The Logic of WAR

1. Maneuver (Mobile)
WAR And

2. Siege WAR - Laying
Siege To Enemy Resources

II. The Significance of the W.W.I Case

A. Path Dependent WAR 1. Path Dependence -

Present Choices Constrain Future
Possibilities

2. The Origins of WWI & the Cold WAR

B. World Historical WAR

1. Changes World Development
a. Rise of the US, USSR, Japan

2. Globalization

3. Totalization - Civilian
Targeting

4. Decline of Europe

G.D.P.; Colonial Power

C. Least-Likely WAR.

1. Theoretical Significance
2. Should Not Occur

Given:

a. Stable Balance of Power

b. Institutional

Mechanisms of Conflict Management

1. Diplomacy

2. Dynastic Networks

3. Bargaining

Institutional Balance

WARS 1912-1944

4. Domestic Constraints