

THE SEVEN CAUSAL FACTORS POTENTIAL CAUSES OF OUTCOME

1. Worldwide and sometimes state-specific, non-political factors, some beyond the control of humans and others beyond the control of a single state. For example: technology, the climate, globalization, geography, disease.

2. Factors involving worldwide and sometimes region-specific systems and behavioral patterns, such as how power is distributed among the states and other players, the dominant international economic system, and the political/diplomatic system. These are generally caused by humans, but can be taken as fixed for most policy issues.

3. Factors that arise directly from the relations among the states and other actors. For example: bilateral and multilateral state-to-state relations.

4a. Non-political factors that arise internally to the states and the other players – such as culture, social system, ethnicity, and economic system. These may show up in the behavior of groups of people, non-political institutions, and the society in general

4b. Political factors that are due to the form of the political system, such as decision making process, how leaders are chosen, the distribution of power, and the ability of people to influence the government. For example: the individual states' political systems and the corresponding systems of the other players.

5. Factors that arise in the context of decision-makers and implementers working in groups, organizations, and institutions. For example: the individual decision-making and implementing processes of the states and other actors.

6. Factors that are the result of individual traits, socialization, psychology, and personality. These arise within the individuals, such as leaders and individual people in the society.