

International Cooperation and International Organizations

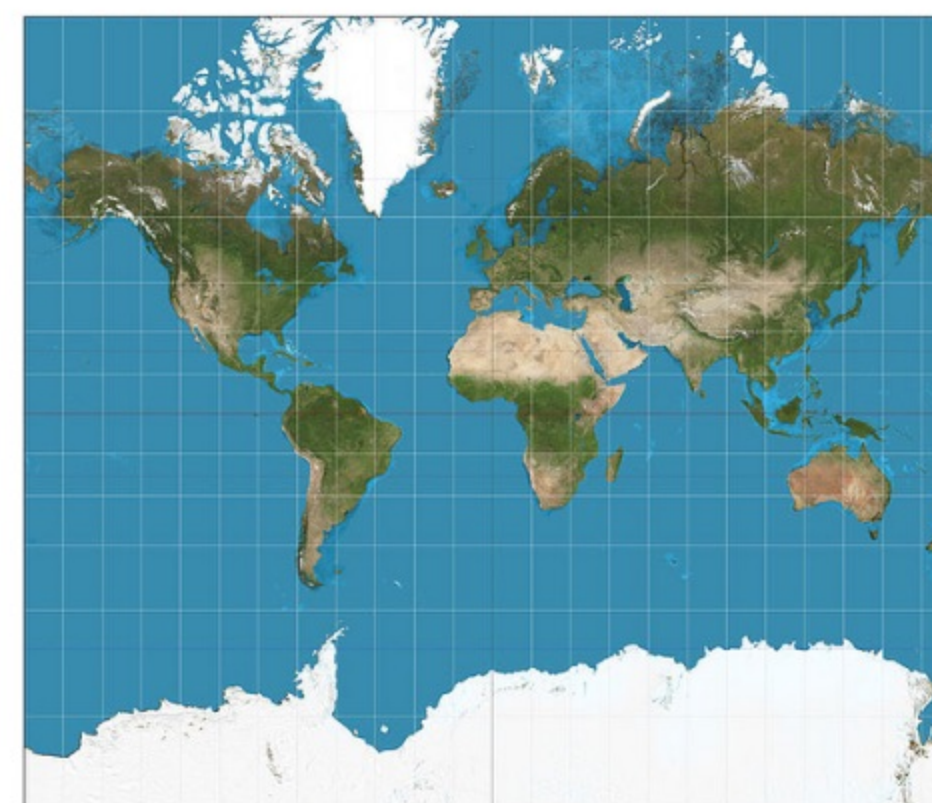
This project aims to examine the operations, perceptions, and obligations of International organizations. In order to achieve and better understand this objective, international organizational immunities, election observer press coverage, and U.S. Senate speeches on joining the League of Nations were investigated.

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Research Questions

1. How does the world cooperate on dire global problems - public health, the climate, trade, finance, migration, and security?
2. Can international organizations (IOs) promote peace, prosperity, and international cooperation?



Immunities Granted to International Organizations

For this portion of the research, I investigated what countries gave international organizations legal immunities in their domestic code. Though Western states seemed to grant more immunities, many developing countries began following suite for various different reasons.

International Coverage on Election Observers

Based on media coverage from China, Russia, and the U.S., it appears as though these nations seems to report that such organizations are both effective and are typically unbiased in their operations.

U.S. Senate Debate Over Joining the League of Nations

Lastly, though the United States would eventually elect not to join the League of Nations, it is evident that through the speeches of many senators following World War I the U.S. was signaling both an intention to create a system that allows for international cooperate to address various global concerns.

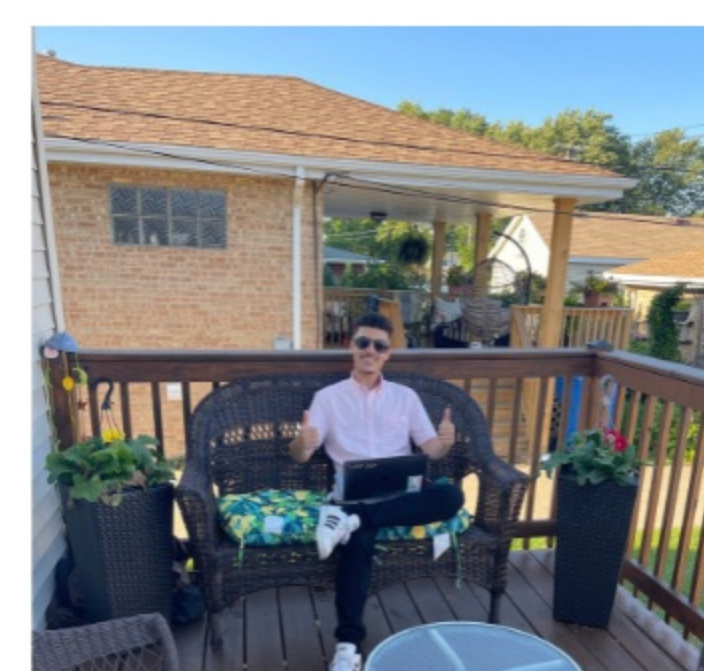
Analysis/Implications

Though these topics may seem quite broad in their connection, they each serve to answer at least one of the central research questions. Through researching international organizations' immunities, we find that many countries (though more often than not developed ones) are willing to grant IOs special leniency in order for them to more efficiently conduct their affairs. From this, we see an emerging trend of how the world is willing to cooperate in order to address global issues such as climate change, international security, and public health. By granting IOs immunities as well, countries clearly signal that they are willing to not only let the organization conduct its mission within its borders but also adopt the group's vision for international peace and cooperation. While analyzing international coverage on election observers, there is a trend that appears that both Russian, Chinese, and American news outlets to some extent approve or even praise the work such groups do in various countries across the world. Returning to the central questions at hand, this information signals that there is a broad consensus, at the very least among three global powers, that in this case international organizations work and can promote their objectives successfully. Lastly, though the U.S. did not formally join the League of Nations, the intense debate in the Senate surrounding membership and the conclusions drawn from various senators across the states would signal that the United States was beginning to view international cooperation as necessary and the foundation of some organization to oversee cooperation in order to achieve such an objective.



Thank You

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The remote portion of my research this summer