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Thus, the particular democratic practices that make war with other liberal democracies unlikely – free and fair elections, the rule of law, free press, a competitive party system – are driven by both ‘converging expectations about what conventional behaviour is likely to be’ (institutions) and ‘standards for what behaviour ought to be’ (norms).[13] These two explanations are complimentary and mutually reinforcing: cultural norms influences. the creation and evolution of political institutions, and institutions help generate a more peaceful moral culture over time.[14].

Criticism of the Theory. This definition of Political Science is a new one. It emphasises the dynamic nature of the discipline and calls attention to the fact that the forces controlling the form and behaviour of the State and similar to those that operate in other institutions. Churches, corporations, trade unions, colleges, and other associations of various kinds have to provide for their internal government, and all these governments operate in response to forces that it seems natural to call political. Clearly, then everything that Aristotle and Weber would call political, Laswell would too. But Laswell would con Democratic peace, the proposition that democratic states never (or almost never) wage war on one another. The concept of democratic peace must be distinguished from the claim that democracies are in general more peaceful than nondemocratic countries. Whereas the latter claim is controversial, the. Thank you for your feedback. Our editors will review what you’ve submitted and determine whether to revise the article. Join Britannica’s Publishing Partner Program and our community of experts to gain a global audience for your work! Share. SHARE. American Journal of Political Science, Vol. 51, Issue. 3, p. 583. CrossRef. Democratic Peace Theory and the Realist-Liberal Dichotomy: the Promise of Neoclassical Realism?. Politikon, Vol. 39, Issue. 2, p. 257. Democracy, the Arab Spring and the Future (Great Powers) of International Politics: A Structural Realist Perspective. Politikon, Vol. 40, Issue. 2, p. 299. 1 Political philosophy and the tasks of democratic theory. 2 What is democracy? The question of method 3 Democracy and political equality 4 The quantitative and the qualitative dimensions A central question of modern political theory emerges in this argument, the question of whether there are strict limits to the legitimate scope of collective decision-making determined by inalienable individual rights, the infringement of which would render decisions illegitimate, no matter how democratic they were and no matter how beneficial the collective, aggregate consequences might be.