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International Security, Spring 1990 (Vol. 14, No. 4) 01990 by the President and Fellows of Harvard College and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 42 Is War Obsolete? I 43 World War II repeated and reinforced that lesson. The development of nuclear weapons was accordingly irrelevant to the process; it was, so to speak, the flourish under the finis at the end of the story. Mueller's central argument is that war—among "western," modernized nations—has become "subrationally unthinkable." An idea becomes impossible not when it becomes reprehensible or has been renounced, but when it fails to percolate into one's consciousness as a conceivable option. Thus, two somewhat paradoxical conclusions about the avoidance of war can be drawn. On the one hand, peace is likely to be firm when war's repulsiveness and futility are fully evident as when its horrors are dramatically and inevitably catastrophic. On the other hand, peace is most secure when it gravitates away from conscious rationality to become a subrational, unexamined mental habit. At first, war becomes rationally unthinkable—rejected because it's calculated to be ineffective and/or undesirable. Then it becomes subrationally unthinkable—rejected not because it's a bad idea but because it remains subconscious and never comes off as a coherent possibility. Peace in other words, can prove to be habit forming, addictive. (p. 240.) The obsolescence...
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Laad’s analysis covers 1945–1984 and includes civil wars, civil wars and civil wars, and some other wars outside the European system; both Levy and Laad use the nineteenth-century modernization period 1815–1818 and in the twentieth century 1914–1918 to the modern period 1945–1984. The periods are not the same, as each of these periods was “war-ridden” and “war-ridden” in earlier centuries was more frequent.


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