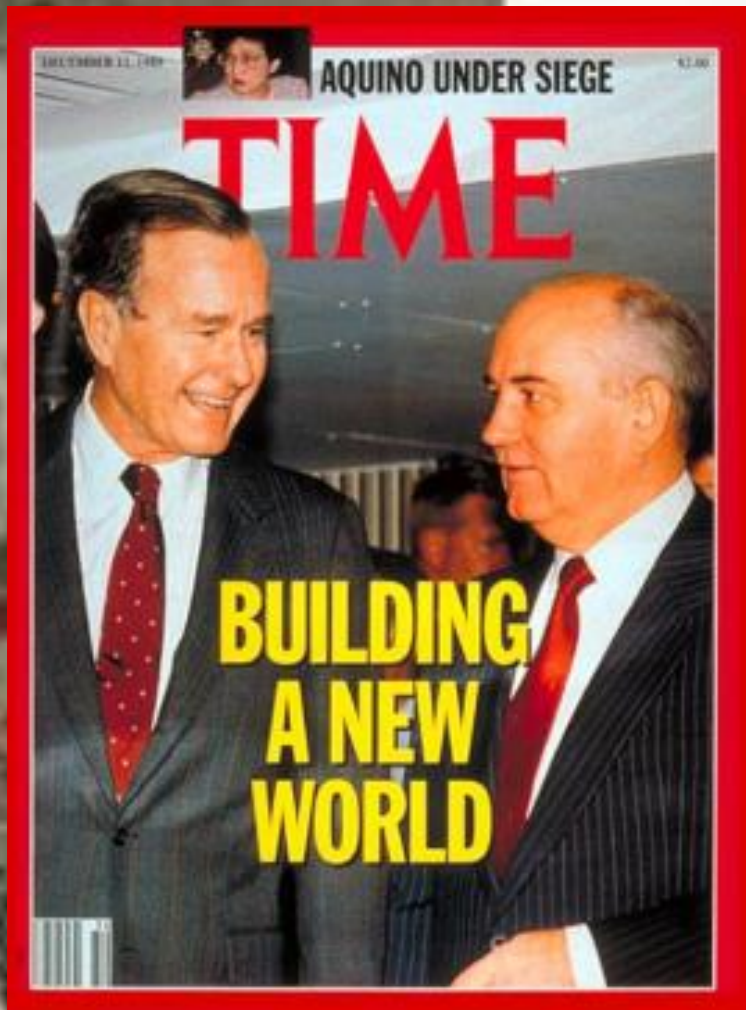


Russia's Challenge

To Global Order and To Our Understanding of International Relations



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We didn't see this coming at the end of the (first) Cold War



Russia is not only a challenge to America' s order but also to International Relations theory...



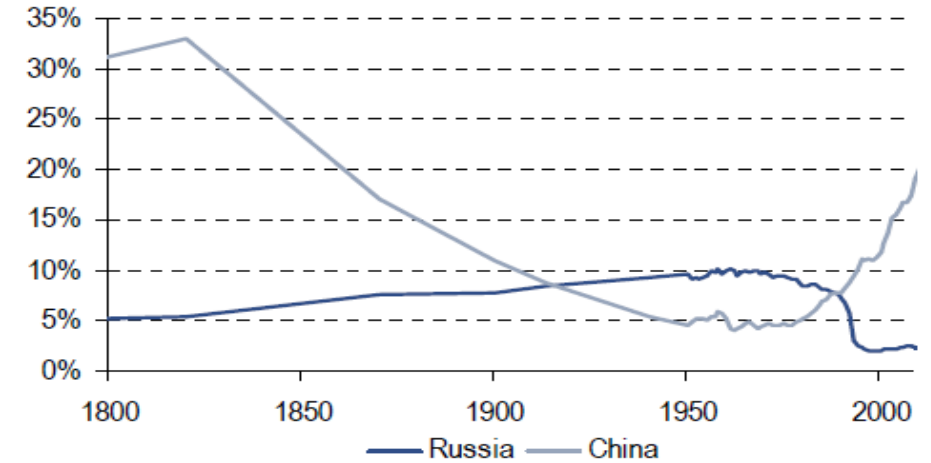
Three Pillars of the International Liberal Order:

- 1) International Institutions
- 2) Economic Interdependence
- 3) Democratic Governance

Also a challenge for Realist Theories

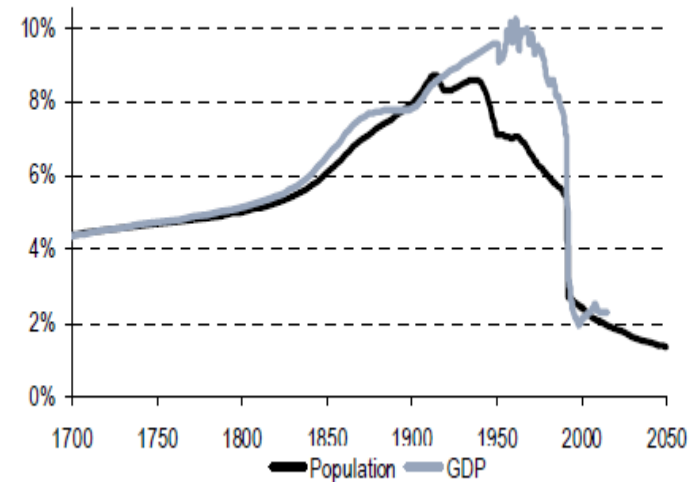


Figure 3. Russia and China, % of global GDP



Source: Angus Maddison

Figure 1. Russia as % of global population and GDP



Source: Angus Maddison. UN. IMF for the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and the Russian Federation in turn

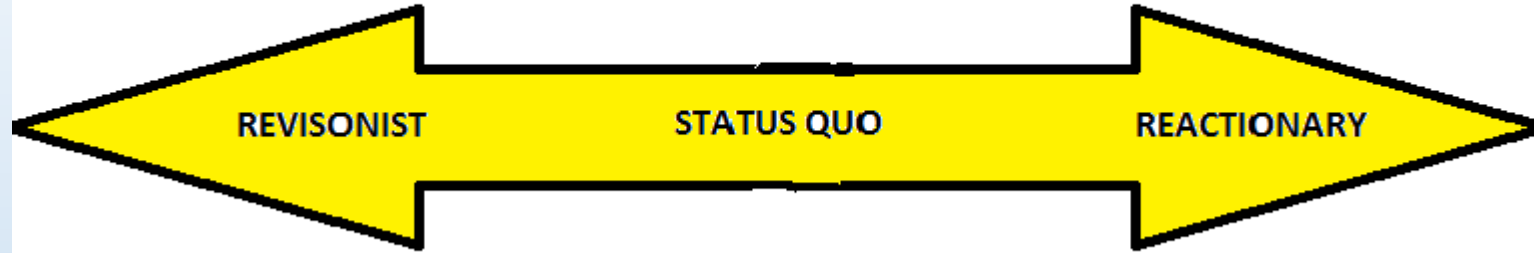
Declining, not rising states challenge...



What the theories missed: the importance of *status* to states



Russia: a “Reactionary Challenger”



| | Aims and Goals | Methods and tactics |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Rising Revisionist Challenger | Changes to leadership (replacing hegemon); status hierarchies; revision of rules, institutions and norms | Hegemonic war; reform of existing institutions; building new institutions |
| Declining Reactionary Challenger | Change to leadership (restraining hegemon); status hierarchies; strengthening existing institutions, rules and norms. | Selective challenges to leadership; breaking the rules to demonstrate resolve; escalating crises; bargaining over status and the rules of the game |



A New Cold War? How to deal with Russia's challenge?

