FIFTEEN THEORIES OF THE CAUSE OF WAR

1. Power asymmetries
2. Power transitions
3. Nationalism, separatism and irredentism
4. International Social Darwinism
5. Communications failure owing to misperception
6. Communications failure owing to technical irony or error
7. Arms races and the security dilemma
8. Internal cohesion through external conflict
9. International conflict through internal strife
10. Relative deprivation
11. Instinctual aggression and sociobiology
12. Economic and scientific stimulation
13. The military-industrial complex
14. Population limitation
15. Conflict resolution by force

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