

CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS

- **Samuel Huntington** propounded the theory of clash of civilizations.
- The West was declining in influence and that of Asian civilizations was expanding. The West's "**universalist pretensions**" were causing conflict with other civilizations.
- Countries around the globe were happily **accepting modernization**, but **rejecting Western values**.
- Huntington's often overlooked point that this new multipolar, multi-civilizational world was not doomed to **perpetual war**.

NEW WORLD ORDER

- The world's civilization is divided into: **Sinic (Chinese-Confucian), Japanese, Hindu, Islamic, Orthodox, Western, Latin America, and African; Buddhism.**
- According to Huntington, the six powers that will dominate the twenty-first century- **America, China, Europe, Japan, Russia, and India-** belong to six different civilizations.
- Huntington's view is almost the **opposite** of that put forward by **Francis Fukuyama**, which posits that ideological battles are being replaced by **liberal democracy.**
- A new world order was hinging once again on **culture, race, and religion.**

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THE FADING WEST VS RISING REST

- The West is characterized by the **separation of church and state, the rule of law, social pluralism, representative or democratic bodies, and individualism**, all of which non-Western countries have rejected to various degrees.
- Huntington notes that “**what is universalism to the West is imperialism to the rest**”.
- Western nations ruled half the world’s population; today they rule only themselves.
- As non-Western countries become richer and more powerful, **they will have little need to adopt or even admire Western institutions, values, and ideas**.
- The worldwide religious revival is **counter to the consumerism, secularism, and relativism**.

RISE OF CHINA

- The great story of our times has been Asia's, particularly **China's economic rise**. This is the “**biggest player in the history of man**”.
- Outside of Japan and Korea, Huntington says, **the economy of Asia is basically Chinese**.
- Huntington sees war between China and Taiwan as unlikely because there is too much **cultural kinship**.
- Huntington sees **China becoming the hegemon of Asia**, and all (including Japan) eventually bowing to it instead of America.

CONFLICT AND THE MUSLIM

WORLD

- Huntington says, in the twenty-first century relations between civilizations will range from “**distant to violent**”.
- **Boris Yeltsin** used the term “**cold peace**” to describe future relations between Russia and the West. Those between Islam and the West are likely to be worse.
- The conflict between liberal democracy and Marxism in the twentieth century was a mere blip in a much longer and deeper animosity between Christianity and Islam.
- Huntington believes that Islam is a **destabilizing force** primarily because **it has no core state**. Whether it is Indonesia, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia or turkey.
- **Nigeria and kenya** are also destabilized by **Christian-Muslim animosity**.