Commentary on "Moral Hegemony: Not a Contradiction, but a Peaceful System"

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putting the condition of the system in the individual states’ interest of stability, procuring peace. This re-purposed theory satisfies the four counterfactuals of political science. It is highly likely that humans, the controllers of states, respond well to a system of defined responsibilities where they use their personal values as a basis for political decisions. Although the two major events, the Peloponnesian War and Concert of Europe, used to assert the role of hegemony and morality in the international system are separated by thousands of years of history, they share several common characteristics, such as the determining role of hegemony in their course of action. Furthermore, political science theory and facts support states’ positive reaction to hegemony and morality in international politics throughout the course of history. As this patchwork theory of moral hegemony fulfills political science’s four counterfactuals, it should be considered a viable construct for the international system and its related organizations.

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Sometimes the hardest task a writer has is to make a compelling argument for a rather controversial topic. In Worden's essay, she accomplishes exactly that. The argument she makes, that a strong imperialistic hegemony is a stable and just style of international governance, is not one that at first glance sits easily with most. Through her argument, though, Worden gives a convincing account of how this could be the case through two notable historical examples of a "moral hegemony" creating a safe and stable environment. Worden, in this essay, makes good use of scholarly work and analysis thereof to make a hard-to-swallow premise palatable, and that is what makes this paper an example of strong writing.

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