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Subject: Re: New World Order

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2008 00:42:28 GMT

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pawkyfox wrote on Tue, 08 July 2008 13:39 I think eventually the need for nations to survive through commerce and global trade will lead to such bigger nations. They say China is dangerous. Yes, it's true they are big and all that, but they are dependent on us as we are on them. Trade maybe the next deterrent to war instead of weapons.

And Iran too lol

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/07/08/iran.us.buying.ap/index.html>

Trade could also start wars as vying trade blocks try to corner a market on a certain good or push another block out of a country entirely. There are no examples of this so far as regional trade blocks are a recent (historically) phenomenon (UNASUR is the most recent example) but I foresee something along those lines as a possible precursor to a new world war.

Modern trade disputes are the only concrete evidence I bring to bear to support this but there are many that have the potential to turn violent, the Russian-Western European and Ukrainian gas trade dispute and the more recent US free trade deal with South Korea that caused a bit of angst on the Korean side.

While this is all hypothetical I wouldn't down play it too much, confederations and leagues have always sprung up to help benefit their populaces with a somewhat "regional" nationalism for the lack of a better word.

Edit: I found this map of most if not all regional trade blocks while looking for a list on wikipedia. Pretty interesting.