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International relations (IR) theory is a scholarly discipline established after World War I that brings together complementary and competing theories, ontologies, and conceptual and critical (rather than mainstream) frameworks to understand and explain events and. 98 "liberals believe that democratic society, in which liberties are protected and market relations prevail, can have an international analogue in the form of a peaceful global order." (Burchill et al. 2001 , p81) 99 "Wilsonian idealism can be summarized as follows. Theories of International Relations allow us to understand and try to make sense of the world around us through various lenses, each of which represents a different theoretical perspective. In order to consider the field as a whole for beginners it is necessary to simplify IR theory. This chapter does so by situating IR theory on a three-part spectrum of traditional theories, middle-ground theories and critical theories. Examples are used throughout to help bring meaning and perspective to these positions. International relations theory attempts to provide a conceptual model upon which international relations can be analyzed. Each theory is reductive and essentialist to different degrees, relying on different sets of assumptions respectively. As Ole Holsti describes them, international relations theories act as a pair of coloured sunglasses, allowing the wearer to see only the salient events relevant to the theory.