

# I. The Prussian Case -

From State Weakness To

Major Power - 1648-1870

- The Paradox

A. Prussia originates as a

territorially divided, under-populated  
and economically under-developed  
peripheral state, but by 1786 Had

Became a European Great Power

B. The Warfare Incentive -

Prussia Ruled From A Powerful

Incentive Structure Favoring

Reform and Innovation Owing To

The Constant Pressure of HAP

And The Possibility of Destruction

C. Yet Prussia Lacks The Relatively

Large Population and Commercial

Resources That Facilitated State-

Building In the Major Powers Like France



## III Compensation And Rule-

led Institutional Innovation

A. In Order To Compensate  
For Weakness And Create

State Strength, Prussian Rulers  
1. Extended The Range of Benefits  
Produced By The Central State

2. This includes legal efficiency,  
Secure property rights, protection  
of social status, and general legal  
protection for all social groups

a. Of Aristocrats and Nobles

3. Incremental Social Reform

b. Gradual elimination of serfdom  
Studies of arbitrary local justice  
c. Expansion of efficient (relative)  
state courts

4. Economic Regulation - of  
Food Economy Above All



- 5. But provision of secure property rights and non-arbitrary, minimal intervention in the growth of the economy. Religious Tolerance  
a. From Monopoly Privileges To  
The Provision of A Framework  
of Security For Private Growth  
of Industry And Economic Stability  
2 Currency Stability  
b. Acceptance of A Private  
Profit, Market Economy And The  
Precondition of Popular Support,  
Middle Class Compliance; and  
High Levels of Economic Expansion  
(post-1855-1870's)  
c. The Subordination And Elimination  
of the Estates Through Incorporation  
Buying Out, Transfer of Charters



## II. Outcomes

A. ~~Mass~~ Mass Compliance  
with Expanding Military  
Mobilization

1. Taken together And Most  
Importantly, selective And  
Then Mass Conscription (By 1866)

B. Major Power States  
Through Military Success

1. The Prussian Military  
Tradition

C. Prussia As The Core  
of German Unification  
-1861-, 66, 1870