

This is the result of the kind of thinking that says that I am supposed to talk to you about the influence of physical features on war and on national power. I can't do this, you see, without talking about the attitudes, objectives, and technical skills of people. The attitudes, objectives, and technical skills cover the subject matter of all the lectures in this course. Now, I am not stepping on the toes of all these other lecturers. My contribution to this thing would be to put the subject matter of those other lectures into a regional setting, and to tell you how all of the insights you gain from the study of demography and of economic development and of cultural attitudes fit together in Western Europe, how they fit together in the Soviet Union, and what is the significance of the particular combination of all these insights that characterize the different regions of the world.

Now, you have read, I believe, that little paper I did in the Military Review, in which the arguments for these major culture regions are set forth. This regional scheme which I talked about in there and which I'll have on the screen in a minute, is a division of the world into major groups of countries, and these areas are defined in terms of a particular thing, namely, that we are in a period of major change in technology. This we call the industrial revolution and also the democratic revolution. These are two revolutionary movements that began about the middle of the 18th century and are continuing. These revolutions are not over. Some historians will give you an end date on the