

Types of Power

The IB definition of power

Power can be seen as ability to effect change and, rather than being viewed as a unitary or independent force, is as an aspect of relations among people functioning within a social organization. Contested relationships between people and groups of people dominate politics, particularly in this era of increased globalization, and so understanding the dynamics of power plays a prominent role in understanding global politics.

Question: what are the keywords in this definition?

What is soft power?

What is hard power?

Task-

- 1) What, in your opinion, are the **limitations of soft power**. Support your answer with examples.
- 2) How have the concepts of soft power and military power been developed into the idea of smart power? Again, support your answer with examples.
- 3) How can we consider the issues raised in this article at a minimum of three of the GloPo levels of analysis?

What is smart power?

What is sharp power?

Critical thinking:

Is there a difference between 'soft power', 'smart power' and 'sharp power'?

Is 'sharp power' a helpful term or is it a form of U.S. propaganda?

How can we know who to trust when we study GloPo?