**Are non-state actors causing the retreat of the state?**

**Instructions**
**You must choose one and argue your position either "yes" or "no." You may not argue "maybe" but in the counterclaim, you may leave room for doubt.**
To create your argument, do the following:

Post a REPLY under the appropriate thread - cooperative or competitive. Put your name in the subject line.

**Number your answer 1-6.** To see more details on the six steps, [click here.](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/588/03/)
1. **Make your claim.** (one sentence) Try using the word "although" at beginning of the sentence and "because" in the middle.

"**Although** the sun is shining, it is not a day to be outside **because** the wind is blowing."

**Although means you've thought about counterarguments.**"It is not a day to be outside" is your answer to the question.
**Because** is your overall reason why.

2. **Provide evidence.** (two sentences) A quote from any of your classroom readings that makes your point plus a real-world example. (Don't forget to cite the quote properly in Turabian with an in-text citation. You should provide author, date, page. You do not need a references list.)

3. **Create a bridge:** (one sentence) Explain how the data supports your claim.

4. **Foundation:** (one sentence) Additional logic or reasoning that may be necessary to support the claim.

5. **Counterclaim:** (one sentence) A reason why the other claim has its merits.

6. **Rebuttal:** (one sentence) Evidence why your claim is more accurate.

**Learning outcome:** After applying the principles of debate, you will be able to prepare a thesis statement supported by evidence.