

08 Decision Making Approach in International Relations

09 Another approach for the study of international  
10 politics which has been developed during the past  
11 few decades is the decision-making approach. It  
12 is associated with the names of R.C. Snyder, H.W. Bruck  
13 and Burton Spain. These writers tried to provide a  
14 theoretical explanation of the behaviour of the  
15 actors in international relations. They tried to find  
16 out as to why and how do the actors behave.  
17 Different lines have been followed by the theorists  
18 of this approach. Each has laid emphasis on the  
19 following different factors:

- 1- Environmental factors
- 2- Personalities factors
- 3- Participating Actors

The above three lines indicate that the basic idea of the decision making approach is that international politics should be taken as the interaction of foreign policies. The only useful approach for the understanding of the interaction can be to study it in the context of foreign policy decisions.

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