What is the state? Democracy?

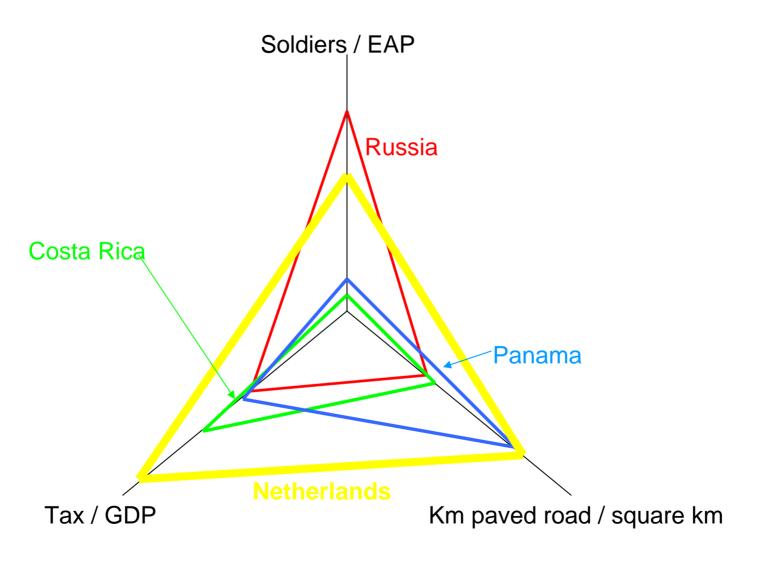
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Indicators of state capacity

- 1. Public order / coercion
 - Army
 - Police
 - Secret police
 - Criminal justice
- 2. Economic regulation
 - Currency
 - Revenue collection
 - Property rights (physical capital, enforcement of contracts, IP)
- 3. Public services
 - Infrastructure
 - Health
 - Education
- 4. Legitimation
 - "Official" religion
 - Propaganda

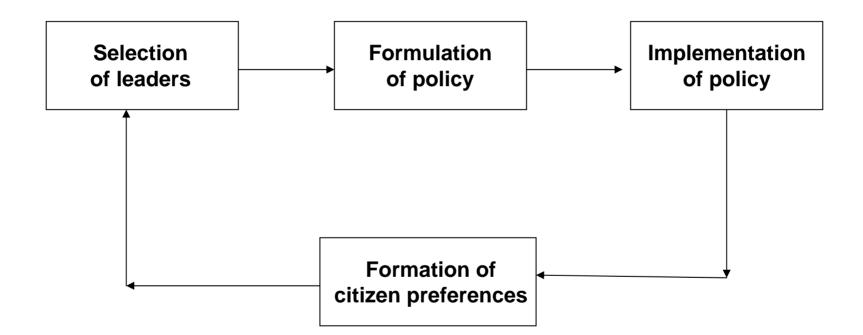
How might we measure state strength?

Some measures using a "spider graph"



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