

The Causes of Yugoslav Creation and Breakup: What Holds Us Together, What Keeps Us Apart?

	REALISM	INSTITUTIONALISM	IDEALISM
1918	Serbia and its allies' war victory	Austria-Hungary collapse, Serbo-Croat coalition, State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs	Yugoslav idea (part of Pan-slavism), same language, different religions (Catholic issue)
1941	Nazi Germany European dominance	Banate of Croatia, King and Government in exile	Extreme nationalism boosted by nazism/fascism
1945	Soviet East-European hegemony, Yugoslavia as buffer state	Tito-Šubašić agreement, King's call	Communist "Brotherhood and Unity" narrative
1991	Western Cold War "victory" – unipolarity, Serbs with no allies	Confederalized Yugoslavia, constitutional self-determination as right to secession	Liberalism "victory" as a boost to a new "democratic" nationalism
2021	End of liberal hegemony dream, Serbia's profitable neutrality	Six (plus one) independent countries, CEFTA/Mini-Schengen, EU (non)enlargement	Ethnic distance (Serbs against all) spurred by war legacy and domestic politics, relativization of all ideas