

Evolution of the paradigm of the legality of armed responses by type of threat

Paradigm	Sovereignty					Human Rights			Global Threats		
	Armed Attack	Imminent Attack	Possible Attack	Attack against Nationals abroad	Attack against the Political System	Crimes against Humanity	Violation of Essential Rights	Hostile or Failed Regime	Criminal International Networks	International Terrorism	WMD
Classic Period	L	L	L	L	L	L	GL	L	L	L	x
Between Wars	L	GL	GI	D	D	GL	GL	GI	GI	GI	GL
1945	L	D	I	D	GI	I	I	I	I	I	D
Cold War	L	D	I	GI	GI	I	GI	GI	I	GI	D
Post Cold War	L	D	I	D	GI	GI	GI	GI	I	GI	GI
Preventive Intervention	L	GL	GL	L	L	GL	GL	L	L	L	L
Future	L	GL	I	GL	GL	GL	GL	GL	GL	GL	GL

**L:** Legal. Consensus that a rule authorises the use of force

**GL:** Generally legal. General agreement that a rule authorises the use of force in certain circumstances

**D:** Disputed. General disagreement as to whether a rule authorises the use of force

**GI:** Generally illegal. General agreement that a rule prohibits the use of force in certain circumstances

**I:** Illegal. Consensus that a rule prohibits the use of force