Nation Building: RAND Corporation’s Definition
“the use of armed force as part of the broader effort to promote political and economic reforms with the objective of transforming a society emerging from conflict into one at peace with itself and its neighbors”

Problems with the Literature
- Body of literature is extremely small
- No argument for ancient nation building exists
- Colonial/Post-Colonial cases lack treatment
- Need for a broader narrative
- Need of paradigms for future cases

Thinking Towards the Future...
- Conceptual Justifications
  - Historic hegemonic duty
  - Cost-Effectiveness
- Helpful Tools and Guidelines
  - ‘Civ-pol’ constabulary forces
  - Higher troop levels
  - Longer timetables
  - Legitimize by involving donors and other actors

Nation Building Prototypes
Pre-Modern: The Judean Restoration (536-431(?)) BC
Modern Colonial: The British Empire, 1850-1960
Post-Colonial: Cameroun and Malaysia, 1948—1975
Interventionist: RAND Case Studies, 1945—Present

Nation Building Activities
- Civil Administration
- Security
- Economic Development

Nation Building: A New Definition
“political and economic development of an immature political entity towards the objective of nationhood that is reliant on foreign power for defense and support”


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