

# Karl Von Clausewitz



1780-1831

# **“War is Merely A Continuation of Politics”**



# Who was Clausewitz

- Karl Von Clausewitz was a Prussian Military officer and strategist who came from a middle class social background.
- At the age of 13 he entered combat as a cadet and eventually rose to the rank of major general by 38.
- Spent a lot of time on garrison duty, which allowed him to spend time educating himself.
- He studied philosophy, literature and developed basic strategy concepts.
- Clausewitz married into high society

# “On War”

- Clausewitz wrote a book entitled “ On War”
- This book is considered to be one of the most influential books of all time.
- On War is often misunderstood; it was written after his death and was a compilation of his rough notes and ideas edited by his wife.
- “On War” has been translated into every major language

# What is his Political Ideology?

- “It is necessary to consider political interests of a nation over military goals.”
- Clausewitz believed that war should be used as a continuation of politics.
- If it benefits you country it is acceptable to do whatever it takes to achieve your goal.

# Political Ideology Cont'd

- “The conqueror is always a lover of peace; he would prefer to take over our country unopposed.”
- Clausewitz believed that even military force had to be subordinate to political aims and objectives of the state
- His writing accepted the existence of political violence as acceptable.



# How do K.V.C's Theories Apply to Icena?

- Although our approaches are somewhat different, we are both interested in the greater good of our nation.
- After reviewing his theories we have discovered that sometimes in order to achieve what's good for your nation you must go to war.
- Both of us take time to examine issues from every aspect before coming to a conclusion.
- Both of us combine realist and idealist philosophies.



**Just be thankful you're  
Not this guy!!!!!!**

