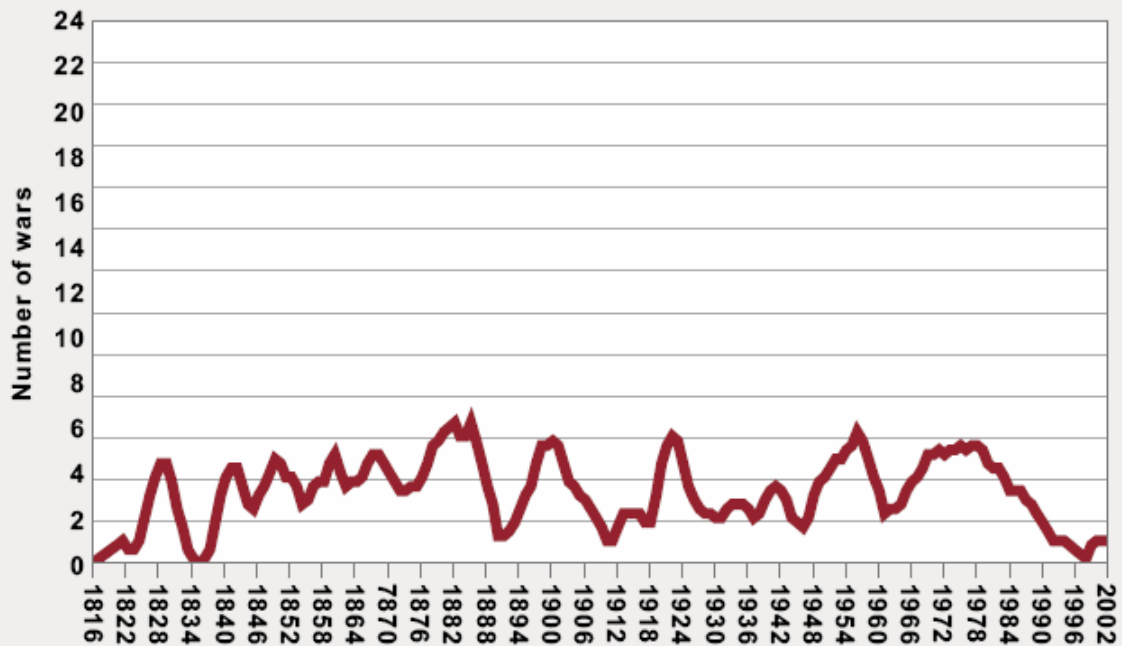


Figure 5.1 International wars, 1816–2002



Source: Human Security Centre, 2005¹¹

There is no obvious trend in the number of international wars until the end of the 1970s. But following the end of colonialism and then the Cold War, their number declined dramatically.

(The graph shows the annual number of wars expressed as a five-year moving average.)¹²

11. Based on data in Kristian Gleditsch, 'A Revised List of Wars Between and Within Independent States, 1816–2002'.

12. Note that while five-year moving average graphs show trends more clearly than single-year graphs, they tend to obscure some annual changes.