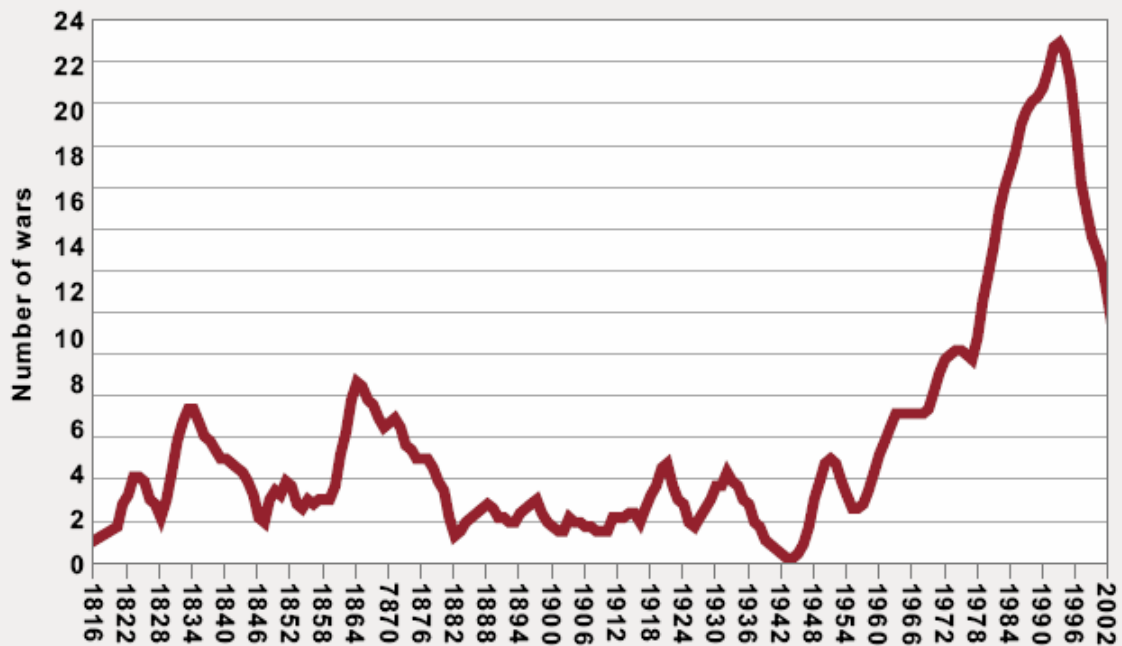


Figure 5.2 Civil wars, 1816–2002



Source: *Human Security Centre, 2005*²¹

Driven by Cold War politics and struggles for control of the post-colonial state, civil wars soared after World War II, then declined even more rapidly after the end of the Cold War.

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

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