

Deterrence

Political Science

Preventing action by threatening consequences.

Requirements and difficulties.

Requirements

Capability to carry out the threat

Credibility that you would

Clear communication of the red line

The opponent values what is at risk

Difficulties

Credibility is hard to establish in advance

Threats over minor interests are less believable

Deterring is easier than compelling

Success is invisible and unprovable

Educational reference. Successful deterrence produces nothing observable, which makes evaluating it genuinely difficult.