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## **International perspectives on state violence: A comparative analysis of Portugal and the USA**

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In this study we will present a comparative analysis of Portugal and the USA (100 males and 100 females of each country) on their citizens' perspectives on a country's right to invade another country and on a country's right to ignore international treaties or human rights agreements. Participants responded to the Personal and Institutional Rights To Aggression Scale (Malley-Morrison et al., 2006). Quantitative and qualitative responses to the item; 'Sometimes a country has the right to invade another country'; and to the item; 'Sometimes a country has the right to ignore international treaties or human rights agreements', were analyzed under the framework of Bandura's Moral Disengagement Theory. Quantitative analysis showed significant differences by country for both items: participants from the USA showed a higher level of agreement with a country's right to invade another country.