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to be able to show what that value is. In Diplomacy's Value, Brian C.

Rathbun sets forth a comprehensive theory of diplomacy, based on his understanding that political leaders have distinct diplomatic stylescoercive bargaining, reasoned dialogue, and pragmatic statecraft. Drawing on work in the psychology of negotiation, Rathbun explains how diplomatic styles are a function of the psychological attributes of leaders and the party coalitions they represent. The combination of these styles creates a certain spirit of negotiation that facilitates or obstructs agreement. Rathbun applies the argument to relations among France, Germany, and Great Britain during the 1920's as well as Palestinian-Israeli negotiations since the 1990's. His analysis, based on an intensive analysis of primary documents, shows how different diplomatic styles can successfully resolve apparently intractable dilemmas and equally, how they can thwart agreements that were seemingly within reach.