Lindley War Prediction Table

Factor Present?	Crisis X?	Elsewhere?[1]	WWI
Rapidly shifting power?			X
Arms races?			X
All/Nothing mobilization?			X
Offense dominance? (real and/or perceived)			X
Tight alliances?			X
Aggressive leadership?			X
Militarism?			X
Malignant nationalism?			X
Identity/Ethnic issues?			X
Contested territory?			X
Ethnic brethren abroad?			X
State backed into corner?			?
Historical grievances?			X
Malignant historical lessons and analogies?			?
Severe Misperceptions?			X
Societal/Economic turmoil?			
Scapegoating?			
Factors particular (mostly) to ethnic / internal conflict:			
Media monopoly?			
Weak social and political institutions?			
Interspersed population?			
Always Assess:			
Useable Capability?			X
Credible Intentions?			X
Optimistic Theory of Victory			X

Key: the more boxes you check, the more likely war becomes. Repeat exercise often to avoid surprise.

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[1] China? Terrorists? India/Pakistan? China/India? Middle East? Ethnic Groups?