Since its establishment after the last zombie apocalypse that you narrowly survived your state has been monitoring the actions of Zombia (an unstable democratic state adjacent to your own country). A tenuous peace has existed between your country and Zombia since its defeat, but ever since you learned Zombia has been experiencing a shortage of artificial human flesh for its population, concerns regarding Zombia have intensified. Civil unrest has been occurring and the newly democratic regime that was established by the help of the international community is in trouble. Sources tell you a coup is being planned that will topple the regime and replace it with a military dictatorship. You have no way of knowing if this will take place or if it will be successful.

Your military advisors have alerted you that a possible invasion by the new regime is probable since you are adjacent to Zombia, are easily accessible to them, and have a large population of humans (both artificial and real) that will provide an ample supply to sustain Zombia for the next several years if their invasion is successful. Your political advisor, on the other hand, urges caution since there is no way to know for certain if an invasion will absolutely occur, that your country will be targeted, or if the regime will even topple. He urges caution and suggests diplomatic measures as well as possible foreign aid to relax the tensions in Zombia. Your military advisor scoffs at this idea and argues the regime is weak and will, in his opinion, almost certainly crumble into disarray. No amount of foreign aid will work.

The media is unaware of the impending potential crisis and therefore the public is also unaware. You know, however, if the media gets information of the supposed threat then mass hysteria by the public will occur forcing your country to take preemptive measures which will pose a potential threat to Zombia and almost certainly increase the already tenuous tensions between your two countries making conflict likely.

You, as co-leaders of your state, must devise a strategy for handling this situation to protect the national security of your country.

1. Devise a strategy based on realism’s assumptions
2. Devise a strategy based on liberalism’s assumptions
3. Devise a strategy based on constructivism’s assumptions
4. Which strategy do you think will be most effective? Why?