

CAUSES OF WAR

Justice

Getting what you deserve. Most people agree that everyone deserves basic things like life, freedom, and safety from harm.

Injustice is when you are **unfairly** denied these basic rights. During the Holocaust, Jews were denied the basic rights to freedom and life – this was **unjust**.



Peace

Peace is a shared state of mind that normally flows in societies which have justice. Peace is being able to enjoy basic human rights without fear.

Under Taliban rule in Afghanistan, women were not allowed to be educated, part of restoring peace was to allow women to access this basic human right.



PACIFISM

WHAT IS IT?

The idea that all violence is wrong. As war involves violence, this therefore means that war is wrong too.

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A Christian who believed that we should live our lives as Jesus would have done. He said that he could not imagine Jesus fighting and killing in a war and so believed it was wrong to do so. He also strongly believed in the Commandment 'Do not kill'.

Some pacifists during World War 1 were willing to serve in the army but not as soldiers, these men were often used as ambulance drivers, stretcher bearers and nurses

IS IT RIGHT?

YES
If everyone was a pacifist then there would be no more wars

NO
Sometimes violence is the only way to bring peace

RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES

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It is wrong to kill people. BIBLE	Some Christians would support pacifism as it would mean no one being killed in war.	'Do not kill'
God will reward those who work for peace. BIBLE	Some Christians would not support pacifism as they may believe that violence is the only way to bring peace.	'Blessed are the peacemakers'
It is wrong to kill people. QUR'AN	Some Muslims would support pacifism as it would mean no one being killed in war.	'Do not take life which Allah has made sacred'
It is acceptable to fight back if you have been attacked. QUR'AN	Some Muslims would not support pacifism as they may see it as acceptable to use violence if they have been the victim of an attack.	'Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms'



RECENT WARS

World War 1

World War 2

The 6 Day War (Israel and Palestine)

Afghanistan

The Gulf War

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CAUSE	EXAMPLE	
To defend their country against attack	Polish army during the invasion of Nazi Germany during World War 2	
To defend their beliefs or impose them on others	Christian crusades to wipe out Muslims from Jerusalem in the Middle Ages	
To defend an ally or protect a weaker country that has been unfairly invaded	Allied forces during World War 2	
To remove their own leader or government – this is known as a civil war as both sides are from the same country	Rebel soldiers fighting to overthrow Colonel Gaddafi and his army in Libya	
To gain more land or regain territory lost in a previous war	The 6-day war of 1967 when the Israeli army took control of the Gaza strip and the West Bank, land that had been given to the Palestinians by the original United Nations agreement	
To gain wealth, power or important resources such as oil	Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in the early 1990's	
To stop atrocities such as genocide (mass murder, eg the Holocaust)	Allied forces during World War 2	

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Keywords

Retaliation	A cause of war – attacking another country after they have attacked you first
Just War Theory	A set of rules which tries to limit war
Proportionality	One of the rules of the just war theory – only use as much force as is necessary to win
Pacifism	The belief that violence is never acceptable
Jihad	To struggle. Lesser jihad is about struggling in a war.

C	CAUSE – There must be a just cause, eg in self defence or support of a weaker country, eg Britain's involvement in World War 2 to help Poland.
R	RESORT – Other methods of conflict resolution must have been tried first.
A	AUTHORITY – Must be declared by a rightful ruler, eg Prime Minister.
P	PROPORTIONALITY – Armed forces must only use as much force as is necessary.
P	PEACE – The aim of the war must be to restore peace in the long term.



Many people would describe Britain's involvement in World War 2 as a 'Just War' as we were defending Poland (cause), we had tried other methods of resolution first (resort), it was declared by the Prime Minister (authority), we only used as much force as we needed to (proportionality) and we did it stop Hitler taking over Europe (peace).

JUST WAR



WHAT IS IT?

A theory that attempts to justify and limit war. Mainly accredited to St Thomas Aquinas, a Christian philosopher.

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God will reward those who work for peace. BIBLE	That some Christians would support the Just War theory because it only allows wars if the long term aim is peace.	'Blessed are the peacemakers'
It is wrong to kill people. QUR'AN	That some Muslims would not support the Just War theory because it still allows war under certain circumstances and wars kill people.	'Do not take life which Allah has made sacred'
It is acceptable to fight back if you have been attacked. QUR'AN	That some Muslims would support the Just War theory because they would consider fighting back after an attack as a good cause to go to war.	'Those who have been attacked are permitted to take up arms'

HOLY WAR

The Christian Crusades from the Middle Ages are an example of a 'holy war', the Pope believed that God would want Christians to reclaim the Holy Land (Jerusalem etc) from the Muslims who had been living there. Many Christian soldiers brutally murdered Muslim men, women and children in the name of God.

WHAT IS IT?

A war that is fought for God, those who are fighting believe that God is on their side.

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God will reward those who work for peace. BIBLE	That God might approve of a Holy War if it is about restoring peace.	'Blessed are the peacemakers'
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The conflict between Israel and Palestine has been called a 'holy war' as both sides believe that the disputed land has religious importance to them. The Jews believe that God promised Jacob the land and the Muslims believe it is the site of Muhammad's ascension to Paradise. For these reasons, **both sides believe that God would want them to defend their claim to the land.**