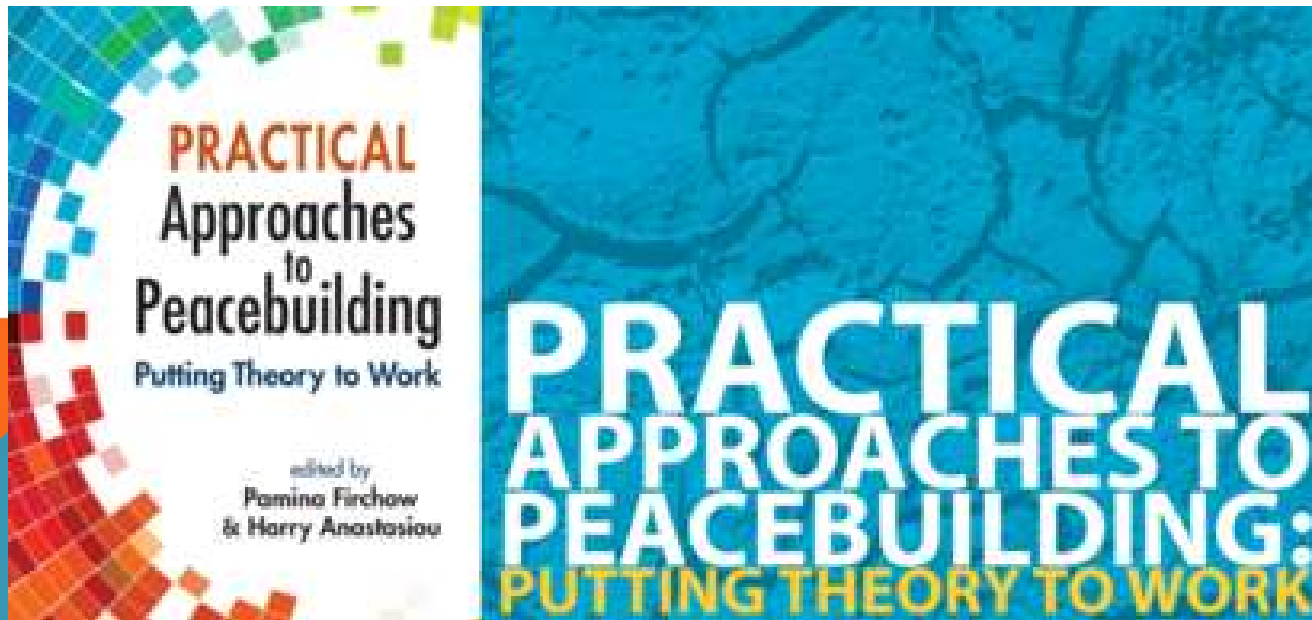


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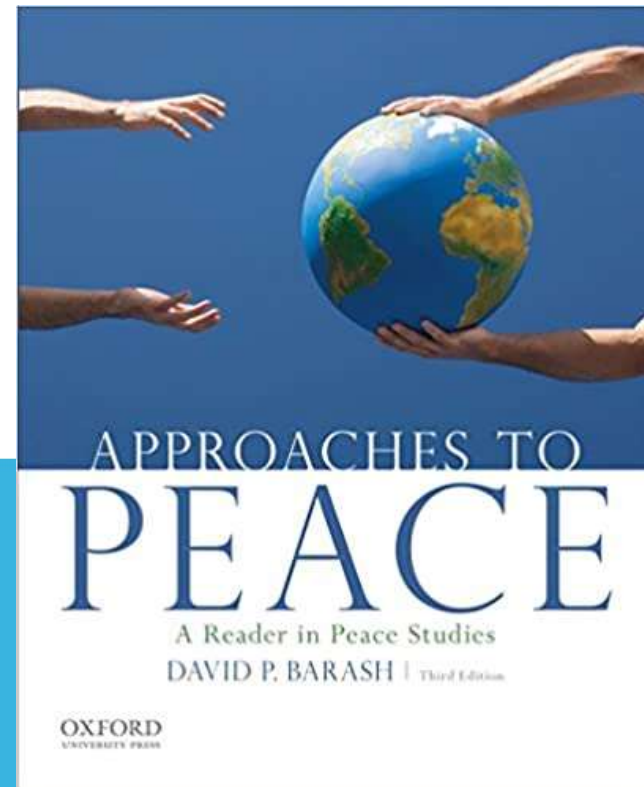
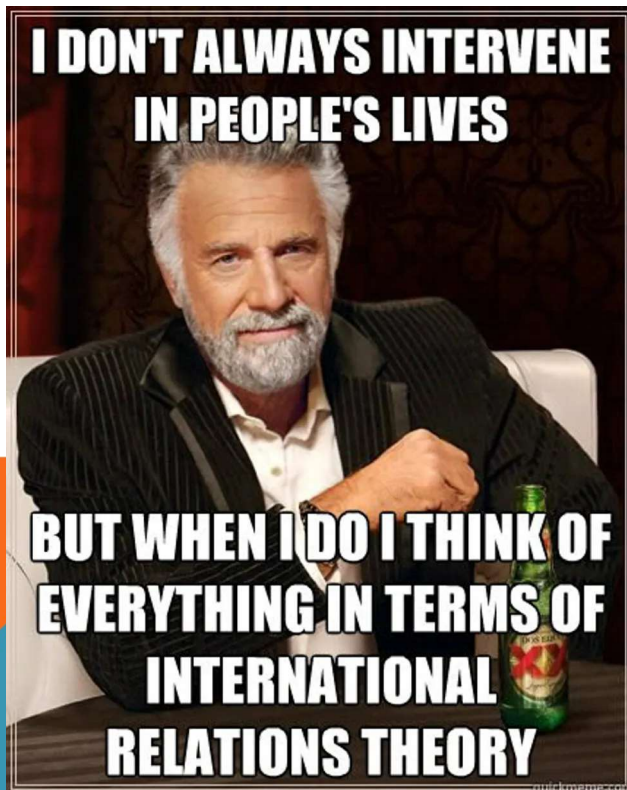
PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Peace studies is a relatively new approach to the study of international relations and pushes boldly past many of the guiding principles that commonly characterize the study of foreign policy and the behavior of states.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Peace studies theorists argue that the study of international affairs should reach beyond the more traditional evaluations and measurements of power, balance of power, and national security.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

They argue that in our interconnected world, issues such as poverty, social injustice, and environmental destruction, reach to the heart of our security as human beings.



As the name implies, peace studies involves the study of peace and ways to promote peace within the international community

PEACE STUDIES THEORY

However, in order for that peaceful change to occur at an international level, it must begin with a personal transformation. A **personal transformation** is a change or shift in an individual's outlook, habits, or worldview in a way that makes that individual more socially conscious of the global effect of his or her actions.



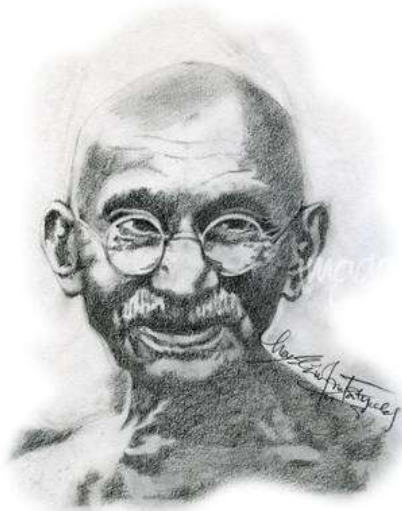
Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us. The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one.

— Marianne Williamson —

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Discussions of **peace studies theory** must begin with an examination of the impact of **Gandhi**. He remains the preeminent contemporary example of the nonviolent approach to resolving conflict.



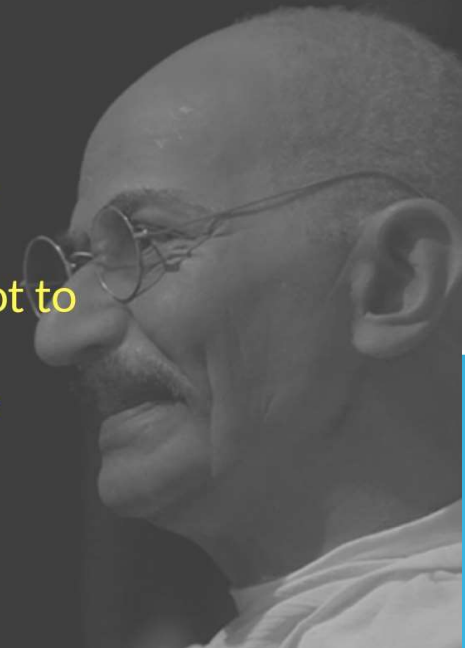
"Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man."

Mahatma Gandhi

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Our greatest ability as humans is not to change the world; but to change ourselves.

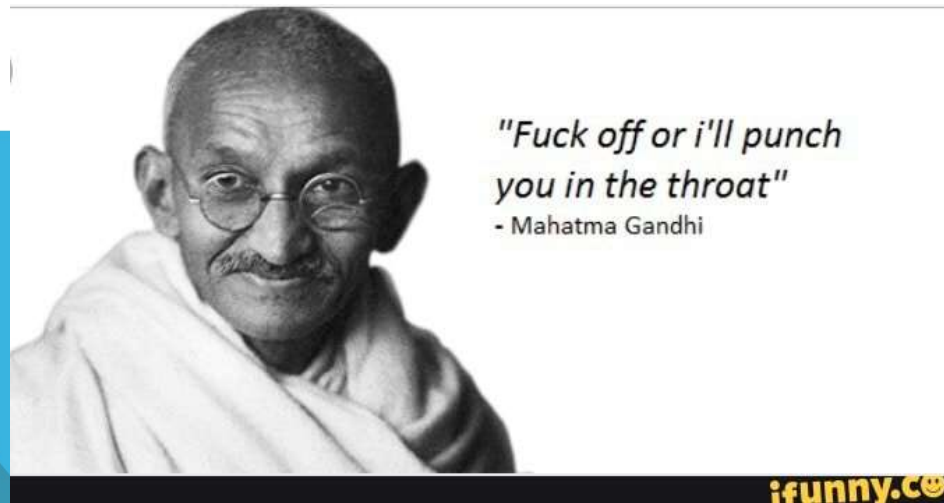
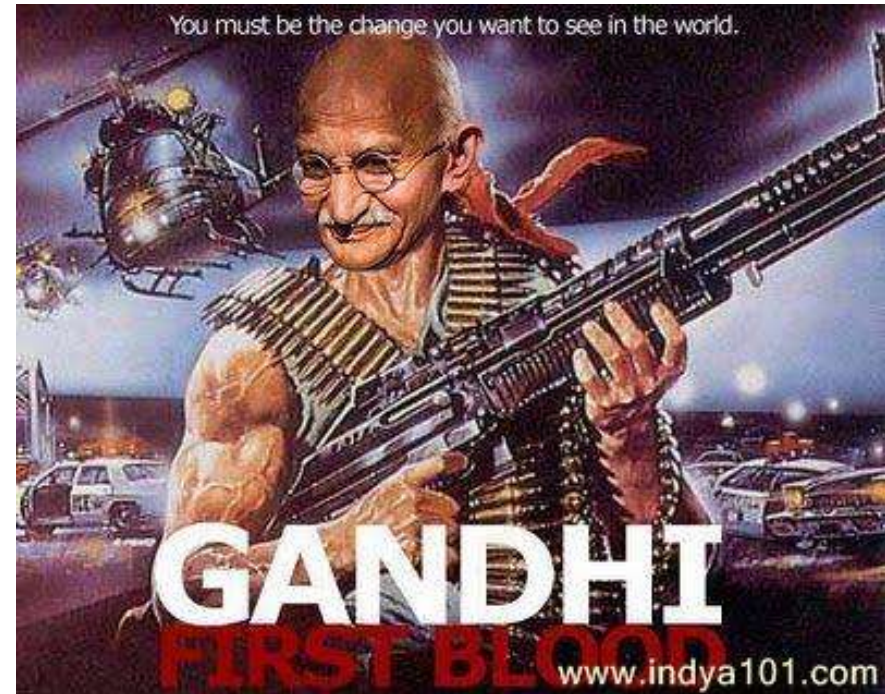
- Mahatma Gandhi



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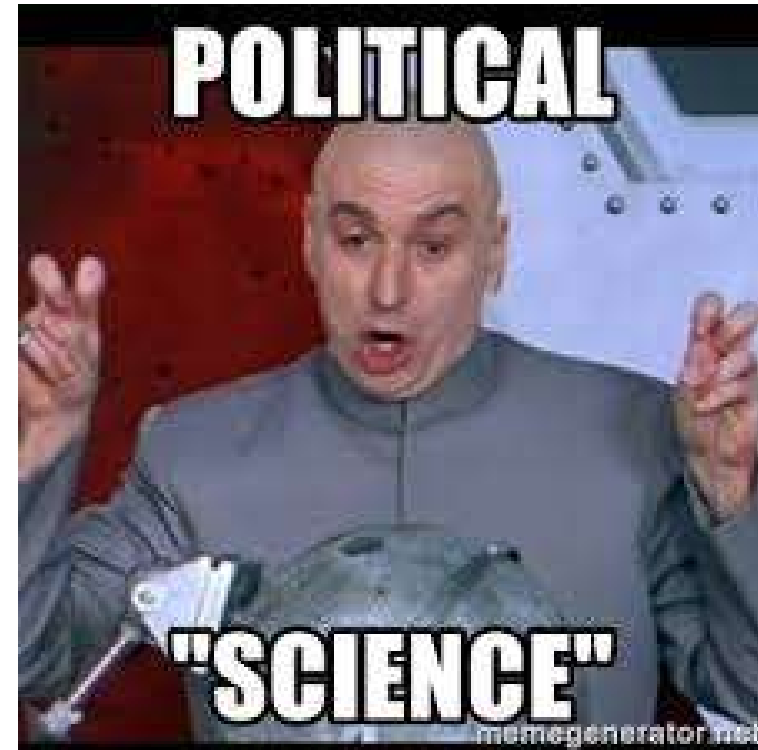
Gandhi was a pacifist who sought political change through non-violent means.

Pacifism is the rejection of the use of force for dealing with domestic or international conflicts.



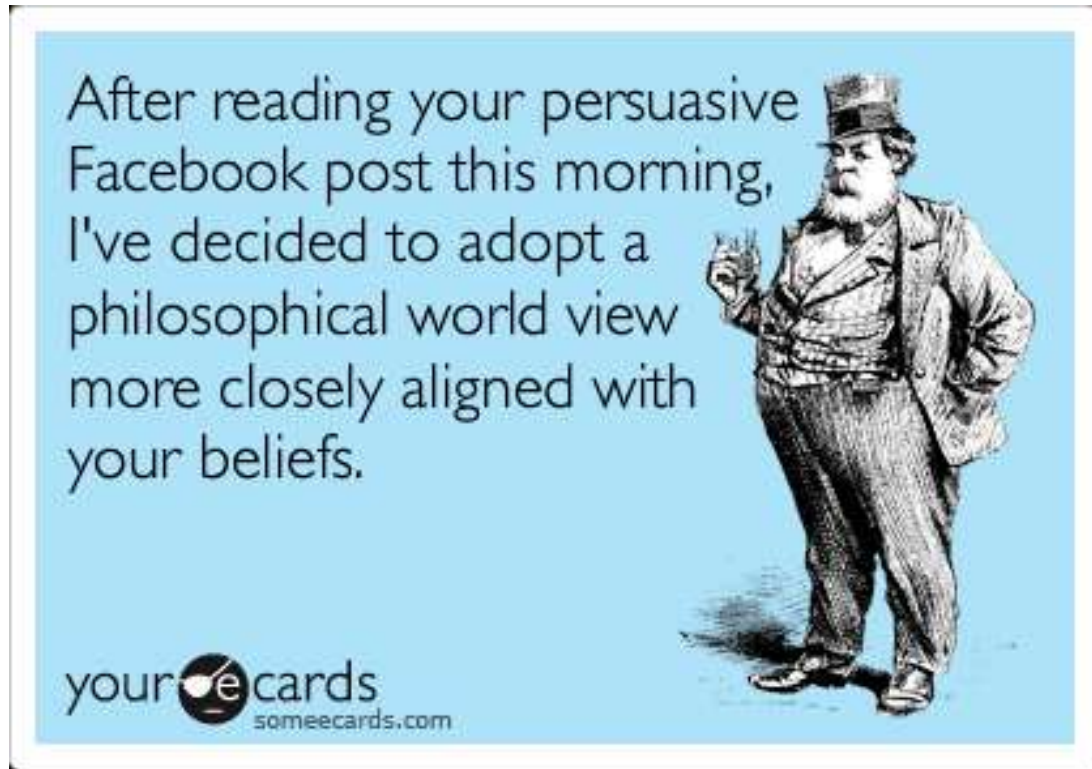
PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Though the study of international relations, with its theories and levels of analysis, generally falls in the realm of political science, **peace studies** is actually an interdisciplinary field.



It incorporates information, analyses, and discourse from not only political science, but also the hard sciences (physics, mathematics), psychology, anthropology, sociology, and the humanities.

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This intellectual crossover is one of several key characteristics that distinguish **peace studies theory** from other paradigms found in the study of international affairs.

PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Decision Making Theories

- Normative theories: how a rational person ought to behave under optimal circumstances
- Prescriptive theories: how people ought to behave in realistic circumstances
- Descriptive theories: how real people behave in the real world!

In addition to the inclusive approach of **peace studies theory**, this paradigm is also a *prescriptive*, rather than *descriptive* paradigm.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Peace studies is also considered to be a value-based theory. A **value** is an ideal or principle that people generally consider worthwhile and desirable.



You cannot change any society unless you take responsibility for it, unless you see yourself as belonging to it and responsible for changing it.

— Grace Lee Boggs —

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PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Students of I.R. should also understand that the ideal end of peace studies is not simply peace but positive peace. **Positive peace** is the absence of war in combination with the establishment of broader, worldwide forms of social justice, economic prosperity, and political power-sharing.



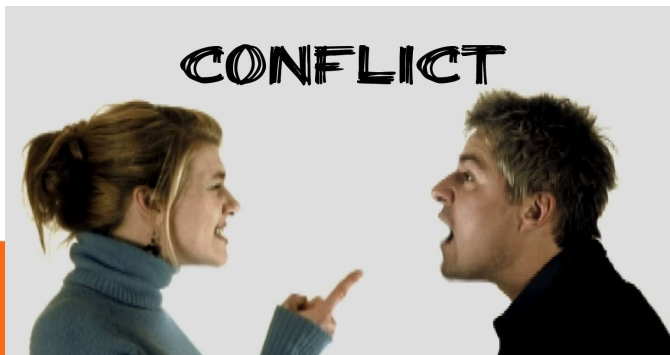
PEACE STUDIES THEORY

The idea of positive peace is contrasted with what some peace studies theorists call “negative peace,” **Negative peace** is defined as only the absence of war, a condition in which direct forms organized violence are absent but the underlying reasons for war, such as social injustice and economic exploitation, are left unresolved.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

It is important to point out that advocates of **peace studies** differentiate between *violence* and *conflict*.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Being civil does not mean being silent.

It does not mean avoiding contentious issues.

On the contrary, healthy disagreement is central to a robust, flourishing democracy.

Civil dialogue strengthens policy.

Only by considering all sides, is it possible for us to make progress, while keeping everyone's dignity and rights intact.

Conflict – as opposed to violence – is viewed by **peace studies theorists** as healthy debate, disagreement, or dialogue and an integral part of life and growth in human existence.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

In **peace studies**, scientists and researchers are asked to look at the consequences (environmental, social, economic) of their work. The invention of the atomic bomb, chemical weaponry, and other such devices cannot be disassociated from their violent purpose.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Peace studies encourages scientists, scholars, and social activists from all fields to work together in assessing the potential political, social, and environmental ramifications of these instruments, as well as future technologies and innovations.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

The variety of work under the rubric of **peace studies** seeks not only to understand the many causes of war and conflict but also to go beyond them in its quest for possibilities of peace building.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

The Components of Peace Studies Theory

	Intra & Interpersonal	Municipal	National	International
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	Art Therapy	Social Work	Public History	Cultural Anthropology
Business	Employee Dispute Resolution	Chamber of Commerce	Corporate Social Responsibility	Microfinance
Communications & Media	Conflict Resolution	Public Relations	Public Broadcasting	Conflict Reporting
Democracy & Governance	Community Organizing	Community Policing	Civil Rights Advocacy	Diplomacy
Education & Research	Teaching	Education Policy	Public Policy Research	Educational Access and Equity
Environment	Community Gardening	Land and Wildlife Conservation	Environmental Regulations Advocacy	Renewable Energy
Health & Medicine	Counseling	Public Health	Natural Disaster Preparedness	Humanitarian Aid
Law	Restorative Justice	Civil and Family Court	Immigration Law	Human Rights Law
Science, Engineering & Technology	Technology Access	Environmental and Civil Engineering	Cyber Security	Nuclear Nonproliferation

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Focus of Analysis

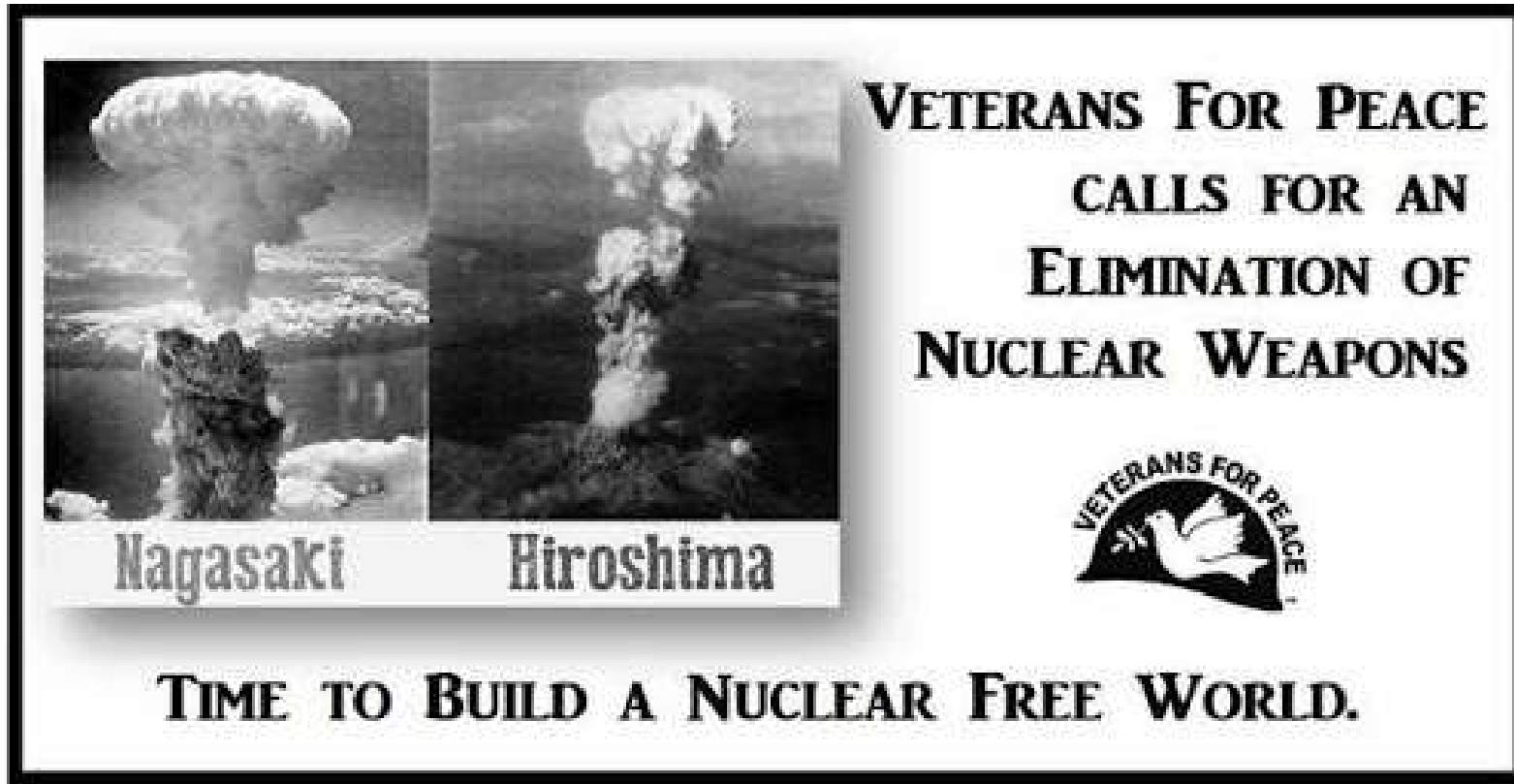
Promoting principles of positive peace



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Major Actors

Individuals; Individuals working through groups



Nagasaki **Hiroshima**

**VETERANS FOR PEACE
CALLS FOR AN
ELIMINATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

TIME TO BUILD A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD.

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Approach of Peace Studies

Problem Difficulty

Research Approaches

Complex



Transdisciplinary

Complicated



Interdisciplinary



Multidisciplinary

Simple



Disciplinary

Seven Dangers to HUMAN VIRTUE

1. WEALTH
without work
2. PLEASURE
without conscience
3. KNOWLEDGE
without character
4. BUSINESS
without ethics
5. SCIENCE
without humanity
6. RELIGION
without sacrifice
7. POLITICS
without principle

- Gandhi

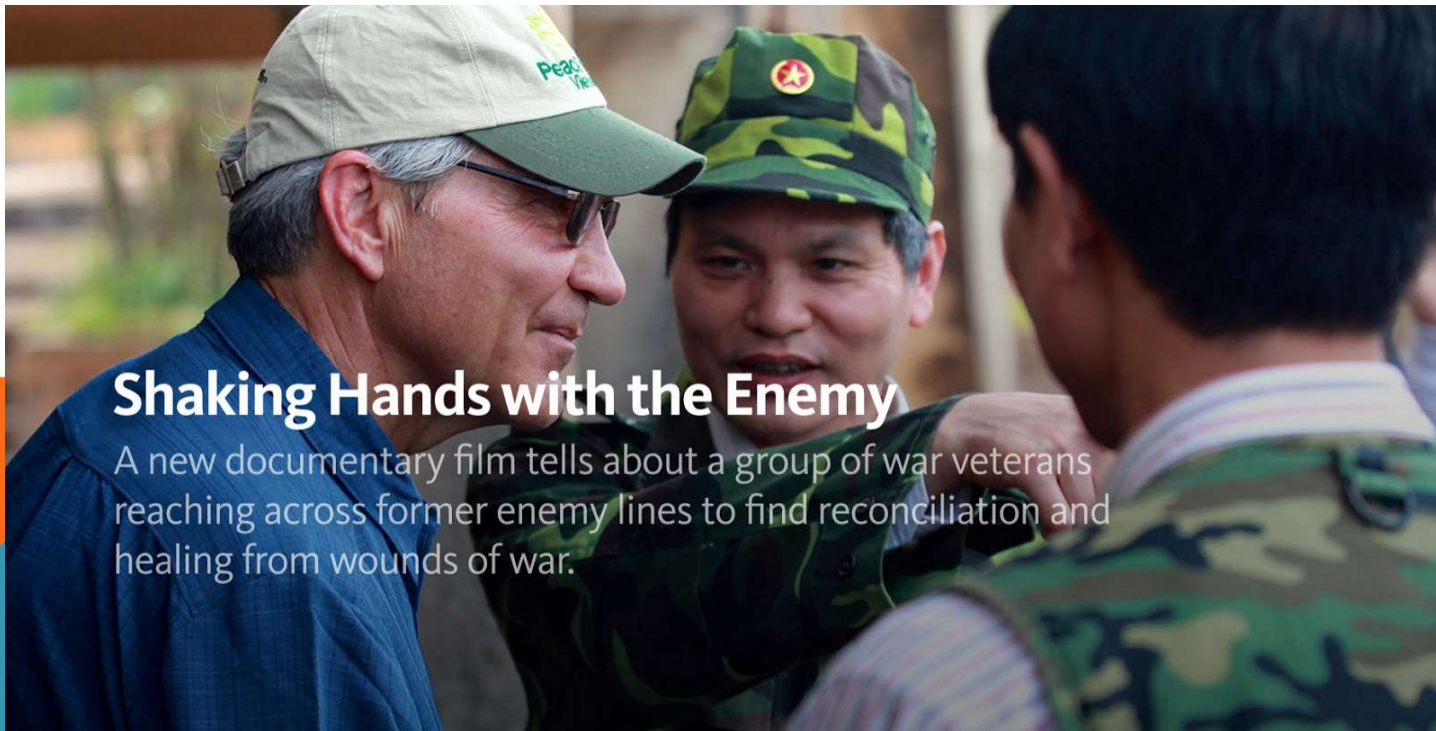
Interdisciplinary; Value-oriented

PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Goals of Peace Studies

Social justice, human rights, economic opportunity, and political equality;

Building bridges between nations through person-to-person contact



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts

Negative Peace

The absence of war. Direct forms of organized violence are absent, but the underlying reasons for war, such as social injustice and economic exploitation, are left unresolved. This term is contrasted with what [peace studies theorists](#) refer to as positive peace.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts

Pacifism

The rejection of the use of force for dealing with domestic or international conflicts.

**PACIFISM, TO ME, IS PRIMARILY A WAY OF
ACTIVELY STRUGGLING AGAINST
INJUSTICE AND INHUMANITY; MY KIND OF
PACIFISM MAY BE CALLED "NON-VIOLENT
RESISTANCE".**


- DWIGHT MACDONALD -

PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts

Personal Transformation

A change or shift in an individual's nature, outlook, habits, or worldview in a way that makes that individual more socially conscious of the global effect of his or her actions.



Unless there's a personal transformation, there can be no social transformation.

Deepak Chopra

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PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts

Positive Peace

The absence of war in combination with the establishment of broader, worldwide forms of social justice, economic prosperity, and political power-sharing. This notion is contrasted with what [peace studies theorists](#) call negative peace.

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

Nelson Mandela



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Key Concepts

Value

An ideal or principle that people generally consider worthwhile and desirable. **Peace studies** assigns value to the actions, policies, activities, and methods of governments and individuals based on their benefit or harm to society.



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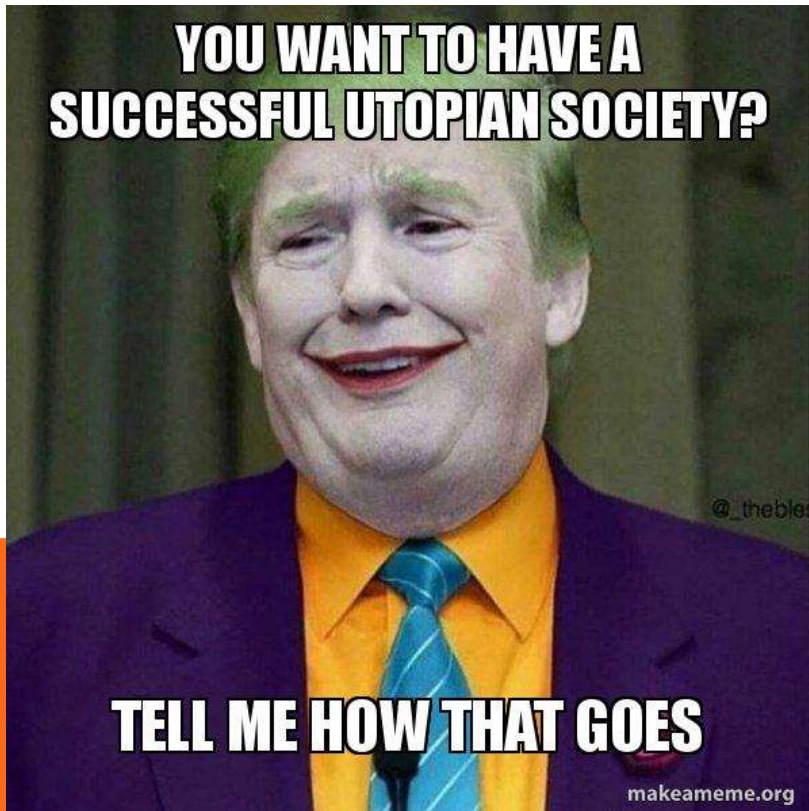
Critiques of Peace Studies Theory



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Critiques of Peace Studies Theory

Critics of **peace studies** can legitimately question its *idealistic* worldview, which some might even call utopian.



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Critiques of Peace Studies Theory

Critics add that **peace studies theorists** have developed such an optimistic outlook on the international system, that creating policies around it could be potentially dangerous in real-world situations.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Critiques of Peace Studies Theory

Though noble in intent, the policies fostered by **peace studies** could subtly weaken the resolve of people and states to resist and combat a nation bent on extending its power or influence through aggressive actions.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

Critiques of Peace Studies Theory

On a theoretical level, **peace studies** has been similarly criticized for underestimating the inherent conflict between nation-states.



PEACE STUDIES THEORY

BRACE YOURSELVES



Critiques of Peace Studies Theory

These critics argue that as a theoretical construct, **peace studies theory** is disjointed and lacking a coherent framework for analyzing international relations.

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