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Peace

Traditionally, **peace** has been understood as the mere **absence of war**.

- However, war is not the only way in which people suffer. People suffer and die from other causes as well.



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In the field of peace studies, the word peace is understood positively and negatively

- Negative Peace is defined as the absence of direct violence (physical, verbal, and psychological) between individuals, groups and programs.
- Human efforts to achieve negative peace emphasize on the following issues:
 - Managing interpersonal and organizational conflict
 - Reducing the incidence of
 - Preventing war through strategic deterrence and arms control
- The concept of negative peace addresses immediate symptoms, the conditions of war, and the use and effects of force and weapons.

Positive Peace

- is more than the absence of violence;
- It is the presence of social justice through equal opportunity, a fair distribution of power and resources, equal protection and impartial enforcement of law.
- The concept of positive peace involves the elimination of the root causes of war, violence and injustice
- And the conscious effort to build a society that reflects these commitments.
- Positive peace assumes an interconnectedness of all life. ¹

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