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The achievement of positive peace within a government and its civilians

The achievement of positive peace is only possible with certain collaborations among governments, civilian organizations, and the profession of arms (military). And so to achieve a society where positive peace can be attainable, there must be a sense of communication between the government and its citizens so that everyone can be treated equitably.

The collaboration among governments, civilians and the military all come down to one thing: “communication. If the civilians of a country are communicating to the government that they need help and the government decides to ignore its citizens, that would be an issue since it would disturb the trust citizens would have in their government. Citizens are supposed to feel safe with the government that was elected to take responsibility for their country. Listening to the needs of the citizens keeps everyone at peace. The safety of citizens is also a very important factor, when citizens can feel safe and trusted, there is a sense of peace in the behaviour of the citizens. Humans already have stress and living in an environment where you are listened to and appreciated may keep crime/violence levels down. To an extent, the government should make the most ethical decision to benefit as many people as possible. A happy population would minimize protesting. Especially in the era civilians live in now, which is very technology-based, protests can gain publicity quickly and this means anyone and everyone can hear about a protest and then attend one. Although the right to protest is a privilege in this new era of technology where information is spread so easily anyone can see and join a protest very easily and therefore the population of protesters is higher and so there will be more people to take advantage of the protests in a violent matter. Annie Reneau stated, “ In fact, there are a handful of extremist

groups from both the far-right and far-left who have taken advantage of the protests to either frame the BLM movement as violent or to stoke their fantasies of violent unrest.” (Reneau, 2020). People will take advantage of protests and use them as a distraction to commit crimes and just do terrible things overall. The BLM movement is a perfect example of the population protesting a lack of rights for a certain group of people. Essentially when the government/legal system wouldn't listen to its citizens' needs, it ended in the population having a hatred/distrust for the legal system, which is run by the federal government; therefore, disturbing the peace. Another example of a time when the government ignored an issue that was happening that led to a disturbance of the peace was the Oka crisis. The Oka crisis was a protest that began on July 11, 1990, when some companies wanted to build a golf course on indigenous land. When the indigenous communities asked the government for help, the government didn't so they took matters into their own hands. This ended up in a 77-day protest where the military had to get involved. This is an example of once again another time when a group of people asked the government for help and the government didn't so they had to take matters into their own hands and overall something that should have never happened in the first place ended in violence and death. North America is a place where citizens are supposed to experience the liberty of living in a free country. But yet, there are so many problems with the governments that are supposed to be keeping civilians in mind when they create laws that are supposed to benefit their citizens, but yet they choose to run countries as businesses and not to take care of their citizens. Countries choose money over the people in their country who work to make the country run. Essentially, countries have the ability/privilege to help the citizens but yet they feel the need to ignore their citizens even though the citizens are the ones that have to live with the terms the government makes to try and benefit them. If we have a historical pattern of people protesting the fact that

they are lacking a certain right/aspect why do governments continue to do this and therefore disturb the peace. Secondly, the way in which positive peace in the military is achievable is as simple as alliances. Government organizations such as NATO were made with the purpose of “NATO remains the principal security instrument of the transatlantic community and expression of its common democratic values. It is the practical means through which the security of North America and Europe are permanently tied together. NATO enlargement has furthered the U.S. goal of a Europe whole, free, and at peace. that an attack against one Ally is an attack against all — is at the core of the Alliance, a promise of collective defence. Article 4 of the treaty ensures consultations among Allies on security matters of common interest, which have expanded from a narrowly defined Soviet threat to the critical mission in Afghanistan, as well as peacekeeping in Kosovo and new threats to security such as cyber attacks, and global threats such as terrorism and piracy that affect the Alliance and its global network of partners.” (U.S. MISSION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION). Although not all military actions may achieve peace completely, certain organizations collaborate with governments and the military to achieve a positive organization. “If military intervention is to be contemplated, the need for a post-intervention strategy is also of paramount importance. Military intervention is one instrument in a broader spectrum of tools designed to prevent conflicts and humanitarian emergencies from arising, intensifying, spreading, persisting or recurring. The objective of such a strategy must be to help ensure that the conditions that prompted the military intervention do not repeat themselves or simply resurface. ... the consolidation of peace in the aftermath of conflict requires more than purely diplomatic and military action ... an integrated peacebuilding effort is needed to address the various factors which have caused or are threatening a conflict.” (Responsibility to protect, p.39.)

In conclusion, in order to achieve a society where positive peace can be attainable, there must be a sense of communication between the government and its citizens so that everyone can be treated equitably.

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