War and Peace: Causes, Consequences, and Alternatives

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To Make Heaven Weep: Civilians and the American Way of War

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Remembering the Civil War in New Deal America

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This War Ain't Over
Fighting the Civil War in New Deal America
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THESE DEAD . . . SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN.

“You have a greater task than I had. Slavery must be removed from the whole of the earth.”
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The defence of Wardour Castle where Lady Blanche Arundell (right) managed to withstand a 9 day siege before surrendering.
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St. Lo, Normandy, mid-summer 1944
Gender and Political Violence in Northern Ireland

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Examining Political Violence

- Women’s participation in Protestant paramilitary groups (PPOs)
  - Focus on 30 year period known as “The Troubles”
    - Yearly / bi-yearly visits to Belfast
  
- Interviews with women themselves

- Impacts on men and masculinity in light of women’s participation

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Political Economy of War

- Mobilizing (Under Constraints) for National Security
  - War Finance
  - Defense Budgets
  - With Allies
  - Central Banks and Civil Wars

- Effects of Mobilization on Conflict Processes
  - Duration and Outcome of Wars
  - Military Effectiveness and Battlefield Performance
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U.S. Efforts to Control the Global Atomic Marketplace

What drives U.S. nonproliferation policy?

What tools have worked and why?

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When did India get the bomb?

Why?
How?
Legal Escalation of Conflict

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Pathways to Military Chaplaincy: A Seminary Initiative

‘Wars’ within the chaplaincy

Spiritual care for military personnel

Theological Education

Chaplaincy /mental health partnerships – moral injury & trauma

prophetic voice against the "triple evils of racism, economic exploitation, and militarism" (Martin Luther King Jr., 1967)
Gulf War Illness: 1/3 of Gulf War veterans

- Skin rashes
- Diarrhea
- IBS
- Thinking problems
- Fatigue
- Joint and muscle pain

Bi-Directional Immune/Brain Communication

Lumpers vs Splitters

PRO-INFLAMMATORY CYTOKINES:
Tumor necrosis factor, Interleukin-1, Interleukin-6
GWI and Current Treatment studies

Treatments for GWI

- **Intranasal Insulin** – for improved cognition
- **D-cycloserine** – for improved cognition
- **Rituximab** – for improved cognition and fatigue
- **Co-enzyme Q10** - Phase III trial for fatigue and cognition
- **GWI Clinical Trials Consortium** – multiple Phase I/II trials

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Does the form of military mobilization used affect public support for military action?

If so, how?
Compared to using the Active Duty Force

- **Draft**
  - Personal Costs
  - Aggregate Costs
  - Support Military Action

- **Reserve Component**
  - Personal Costs
  - Aggregate Costs
  - Support Military Action
Cognitive Processing Therapy and Recovery from the Impact of PTSD Following War-Related Traumatic Events

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- Increase flexibility of evidence-based therapy
- Demonstrate efficacy in new trauma populations
- Cross-cultural applications
- Demonstrate effectiveness in challenging populations
- Augment our protocol to address clinical challenges
- What else?
DO YOUR PATRIOTIC DUTY: MORALLY DISENGAGE ON BEHALF OF YOUR NATION’S WAR AGAINST .....!

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Table 1. Mechanisms of Moral Disengagement

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<td>Blaming &amp; dehumanizing</td>
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Table 2. Examples of Empirical findings

Moral disengagement rating scale scores:
- *negatively correlated* with compassion, forgiveness, and endorsement of human rights, and
- *positively correlated* with authoritarianism, child maltreatment, aggression, and hostility in a large US sample

Moral Disengagement Arguments for War in 43 countries:
- *pseudo-moral justifications* used in overwhelming majority of invasion-tolerant responses
- *pseudo-assistance* = most common justification for a state’s right to invasion.
- *Attribution of blame* common—tolerance for invasions done for revenge or punishment for a previous invasion or wrongdoing
- *deferring responsibility* onto the international community more common in former military personnel than non-personnel in Western Europe, Russia and the Balkans, and the UK/Anglo countries

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What role do religious institutions play providing moral sanction for communitarian violence?

How does authoritarian governance affect the contributions of transitional justice to rebuilding societies?
Ambassador Robert Loftis

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Civil-Military Cooperation in Conflict and Stabilization Operations

Questions

- What is the Mission?
- Who’s in charge?
- Whither “Whole of Government?”
- What works?

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