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Are Modern Wars Not Holy?

Outline

① Introduction

Thesis Statement:

Modern wars reflect the changing dynamics of contemporary conflicts. Modern wars lack the sacred and morally sanctified attributes often associated with historical holy wars.

② The reality of modern wars—departure from the historical notion of holy conflicts.

③ The veil of holiness has grown thin in modern wars (Thesis).

④ Transition to secular motives in modern wars. i.e. The Gulf War of 1990-1991.

⑤ Complex geo-political agendas are the driving force for modern conflicts i.e. Russian-Ukrain War.



③ Modern wars focus <sup>3</sup> on peace diplomacy in contrast with aggressive nature associated with holy wars.

i.e Iran's Nuclear Deal - JCPOA.

④ Technological advancement and globalization emphasize strategic objectives in war.

i.e Use of Cyber warfare and AI weapons.

⑤ War is on the rise due economic and hegemonic aspirations.

i.e China and USA Cold war.

⑥ Modern wars hold holy and ethical significance. (Anti-thesis).

a) Ideological beliefs and conventions are the driving force behind modern wars.

i.e The Revolutionary Armed Force of Colombia (FARC)

b) Wars are fought for protection of nationalism and identity. i.e The Kurdish Struggle for independence.



③ Modern wars are framed within the ethical framework.

i.e. Intervention in Kosovo.

④ Objective of war is to protect sacred values and heritage. i.e. Conflict in Afghanistan against Taliban.

⑥ Wars fought for prevention of humanitarian crisis depending upon upholding justice. i.e.

- NATO intervention in Libya (2011)

- International Response to humanitarian crisis in Kosovo (1990)

⑤ Shifting paradigm of warfare beyond holy motives. (Synthesis).

⑦ Ideological motives are fueled by secular objectives in contemporary conflicts.

⑧ The complexities are introduced by geo-political dynamics in modern wars.

⑨ Transformative nature of conflict



resolution in modern world .

① Modern conflicts are marked by integration of strategic technology.

② Hegemonic ambitions and economic motivation contributes to escalation of conflicts.

③ Conclusion.