

Are Modern Wars not Holy Wars?

Outline:

Introduction:

Thesis statement:

In modern era the reasons for fighting wars include; fighting on the basis of ideology, for economic and territorial gains, for hegemonic position, for nationalism and on humanitarian narrative.

Main Body:

Holy wars:

- Keeping one religion dominated
(To keep its originality alive)
- Proving one sect righteous.
(To prove one of so many is on right path).
- To spread the values
(Through preaching (invading)).

Modern Wars:

- On the basis of ideology.
(Ideology of expansion - Ideology of one nation).
- Wars for economic interests.
(In the thirst of resources)

- To keep the hegemonic position.
(To dominate the less developed)
- Wars for territorial gains.
(To make area larger for various purposes).
- On the basis of humanitarian narrative.
(Manipulating the war narrative).
- In sense of nationalism.
(For prestige and self belonging).

The Essay

Secularism is the most exercised element of society in today's world. Treaty of Westphalia (1648) broke away the chains of thirty year religious wars to keep peace. But it set the directions for the world to fight for various reasons. The rise of concept individualism ended the career of various dominated figures who used religion for their personal goals. Soon after that, world got divided into several territories and gave people the sense of nationalism. So, the nations started fighting for various goals and started make alliances with nations of common interests. As time passed and we approached to modern era the reasons for fighting wars also changed including fighting for ideology, for economic

and territorial gains, for keeping the hegemonic position, in sense of nationalism and on the narrative of humanity. From the cruel past experiences, we saw that wars haven't been the solution of any dispute. So, there is dire need of effective reforms in peace-keeping institutions to save the world from man-initiated disasters.