

ARE MODERN WARS HOLY WARS? Date: _____

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1 INTRODUCTION

Thesis Statement

The contemporary era that is characterised by an increasingly complex world order has seen a paradigm shift from holy wars to wars that have geo-economic and geo-political reasons at their core.

2 Framing the issue defining the key variables, Holy wars and modern wars.

3 How modern wars are not holy wars?

(a) Proxy warfare as means to weaken rival states.

case in point - Indian involvement in igniting separatist tendencies in Balochistan, The Syrian conflict.

(b) War for the right to self-determination.

case in point: The Kashmiri struggle for the struggle to self-determination.

(c) Asymmetric warfare
 case in point Pakistan state
 war against the non-state
 actors like Taliban.

(d) wars to overthrow political
 leaders and install puppet leaders
 instead.

case in point. USA intervention
 in Iraq for the ousting of
 Saddam Hussain in 2003.

(e) war on terror to eradicate
 terrorism from the society.

(f) Trade war as means to
 attack rival economies.

case in point. USA - china
 trade war.

(g) war fought to exert
 control over natural resources.
 case in point. South-China
 sea conflict.

(h) cyber warfare.
 case in point. Alleged
 Russian meddling in the
 USA elections.

4 seeming religion war with some other underlying causes.

(a) A case study . Saudi- Iran . tussle to acquire regional hegemony .

5 Recipe to avoid all form of warfare .

(a) strengthening the dictate of international law primarily focused on international peace and security.

(b) Onus on world leaders to exhibit collectivist spirit .

(c) making the international economic system more transparent and fair .

CONCLUSION: