

Is world peace a utopic dream?

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While some progress has been made, ongoing challenges make world peace a distant dream.

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"Peace is a state of harmony in the absence of hostility and violence."

In aforementioned statement, a prominent peace researcher, Johan Galtung expressed his thoughts that ~~it is~~ peace is the name of justice, harmony, and the absence of fear, where individuals and societies coexist with dignity and mutual respect. Unfortunately, in contemporary situation, peace remains a dream for the world due to continuous conflicts and growing tensions between global powers. Owing to these concerns, the world has reached on the door steps of new issues which eventually lead to socio-political and economic crisis.

This makes clear that the world will soon face world war 3. Is the foreign policy of Donald Trump not making the great concerns for the world? How can we ~~except~~ expect peace when the innocent people are being brutally killed? How is it possible to maintain peace when there are policies of territorial

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expansions? Although some argue that the world has achieved relative peace, various factors, such as ongoing conflicts and violence, geopolitical tensions, and cultural and religious conflicts clearly indicate that world peace remains a utopian dream. Hence, addressing these issues is essential to achieving global peace.

Some people argue that world peace is a reality, not a utopian dream. One of the most important evidents of this is to lack of major wars since world war II. After the WWII, countries decided to create a platform where they can resolve their issues instead of moving another global war. So, they created United Nations in order to prevent wars. While there ~~are~~^{were} some conflicts, like cold war between the US and Soviet Union (USSR), these wars ~~did~~ not escalate into a full-scale conflict. Therefore, it is logically

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safe to assume that the world peace is a reality.

Like lack of major wars since WWII, containment of nuclear proliferation is another achievement for the world through which one can say that world peace is a reality. After the Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the world realized that how nuclear weapons would become the cause of destruction. For this reason, the world signed **Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**. Owing to this, there is no such expansion of nuclear weapon in the world. As a result, there are very few nuclear weapons which are also under the supervision of global ~~war~~ powers. Thus, it is not wrong to say that the world peace is a reality.

In a stark contrast, people might have their own justification to explain world peace as a reality, but ongoing conflicts and violence prove that world peace is a utopian

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dream. The most undeniable proof is relentless killing of innocent Palestinians. For decades, innocent Palestinians have suffered from violence, displacement, and oppression. Despite international efforts to cease the conflict, it took fifteen months in ceasefire. In this violence, over 47000 thousand people lost their lives and many became wounded. This conflict is fueled by historical grievances, territorial disputes, and religious divisions, making it one of the most intractable issues of our time. Therefore, it is safe to assume that world peace remains elusive in today's fractured world.

Apart from this, persistent attacks by Russia on Ukraine is another sign of making world peace as a utopian dream. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has shattered any illusions of peaceful world order. The war has caused immense suffering in which thousands people were killed and millions

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displaced. It has also destabilized global energy markets and triggered a humanitarian crisis. Despite international condemnation and sanctions, Russia continues its aggression, underscoring the limitations of diplomatic efforts in resolving conflicts. This conflict shows how geopolitical ambitions and power struggles can undermine peace.

In addition to this, continuous attacks by the Taliban in Pakistan have severely impacted the country's security, economy, and social stability. Over the years, the Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) and other militant factions have carried out deadly assaults on civilians, security forces, and government institutions. On January 29, 2025, militants attacked a security post in Qila Abdullah, Balochistan. This assault led to a fierce gunfight, resulting in the deaths of two civilian soldiers and five insurgents. This clearly

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indicate that world peace is just a dream which never comes true if these assaults are persistent.

Not only this, ^{but} geo-political tensions also contribute in making world peace as a dream. The escalating rivalry between the USA and China is another major obstacle to world peace. Trade wars, technological competition, and military advancement in the South China Sea have heightened tensions between the two global super-powers. This will not only affect them, but it also destroys other countries. This competition has led to increased defense spending and a growing risk of miscalculation, which could escalate into conflict. Therefore, it is clear indication that world peace is a dream.

Furthermore, economic conflict is also important factor which makes world-peace as a utopian dream because no nation can move towards

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stability if it is under tariff wars.

In contemporary situation, the USA has imposed tariffs on China, Canada and Mexico. On the basis of protectionist policy, Donald Trump wants to contain China, which eventually leads to destruction and chaos.

For instance, the USA-China trade war has led to higher prices, job losses, and strained diplomatic relations.

Such conflicts highlight how economic competition can fuel tensions and hinder cooperation.

Moreover, the US is forcing the Danish Prime Minister to sell Greenland, rising the concerns of war between Greenland and the USA. Trump, who publicly threatened Danish PM to give the territory to the USA. The idea was quickly dismissed as unrealistic by both Denmark and Greenland's government. It exacerbated the concerns of the world that the US will use force to gain the territory.

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because of its location in the Arctic holds immense value due to melting ice and untapped mineral resources. By pursuing territorial expansion policy, it is not possible to maintain peace in the world which eventually deny the argument of those who consider world peace as a reality.

Cultural and religious divisions continues to fuel conflicts around the world. In regions like the Middle East and South Asia, sectarian violence and ethnic division caused immense suffering. For example, the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar and the rise of extremist groups like ISIS demonstrate how cultural and religious differences can be exploited to incite violence.

These issues not only become the cause of suffering but also brings regional instability. Therefore, it is logically right to say that the world peace is a utopian dream.

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Additionally, environmental degradation is an important factor because it is an emerging threat to global peace. Climate change exacerbates resources scarcity, leading to conflicts over water, arable land, and energy. For instance, droughts and desertification in Africa have fuelled migration and armed conflict. Similarly, rising sea levels threatens to displace millions which create potential flashpoints for violence. Environmental issues also strain international relations, as seen in disputes in carbon emission and climate policies. Hence, it will escalate violence among countries which prove that world peace is a utopic dream.

In order to achieve world peace, there is a dire need to downsize the issues. One of the most important solutions is to promote global education for peace. Education is a powerful tool for promoting ~~the~~ peace. By fostering tolerance, empathy, and critical thinking,

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global education can help bridge cultural and religious divides. For example, peace education programs in conflict zones have shown promise in reducing violence and promoting reconciliation.

Schools and university can play a key role in enhancing values and cooperation. By investing in education, world peace is possible.

Like global education for peace, strengthening international cooperation is also feasible solution to promote world peace. Institutions, like United Nations, World Health Organization, and climate organizations can play a vital role in bridging the rising issues among the nations. Through these organizations, they can discuss various issues, like conflicts, global warming, and technology. By increasing cooperation, it is very much possible that the world can move towards peace and stability.

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Global demilitarization is another critical step towards peace. By reducing defense spending and redirecting resources, the world can help addressing the root causes of conflict. For example, the funds spent on military budgets could be used to alleviate poverty, improve healthcare, and combat climate change. Demilitarization also requires trust-building measures, such as arms control agreements and confidence-building dialogues, like NPT. By prioritizing peace over militarization, the world can move closer to achieving lasting peace.

In a nutshell, while some progress has been made, relentless killing of innocent Palestinians, persistent attacks by Russia on Ukraine, continuous attacks by the Taliban in the Pakistan, geo-political tensions, cultural and religious conflict, and environmental degradation clearly demonstrate that the world peace remains a ~~not~~ utopian

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dream. In order to clamp down these issues, there is a dire need to adopt preventive measures to bring peace and stability in the world, such as promoting global education for peace, enhancing international cooperation, and downsizing the spending of weapons. By adopting these measures, it is possible to achieve peace. Johan Galtung says, "Peace is more than just the absence of war."