

# The Philosophy of just war in the 21st century: Ethical Dilemmas in modern conflict:

## Outline:

### 1. Introduction:

**Thesis statement:** The current world order has been shaped by treaties, laws and legal frameworks. Treaties include the rules of war, human rights and protection of the planet. Sadly, the existing world order has become a threat to humanity. Ethical dilemmas in modern wars became common. Huge casualties of civilians, starvation, violence, unethical use of AI and destruction of healthcare have vanished the philosophy of just war.

### 2. Overview to the philosophy of just war:

### 3. Ethical dilemmas in modern conflict:

3.1 Huge casualties of civilians

"The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestinians" Ilan Pape

3.2 Starvation is being used as a weapon of war

A case in point: Gaza Crisis 2023-25

3.3 Violence against civilians

International Crisis Group (ICG) Report on Sudan

3.4 Unethical use of AI in wars

Reuters Report on "AI usage in Gaza war"

3.5 War crime against civilians

A case in point: Ukraine war

3.6 Destruction of healthcare

A case in point: Gaza's Healthcare Crisis

3.7 Usage of warheads in war

A case in point: Donbas Crisis Ukraine

#### 4. Recommendations to overcome the ethical dilemmas in modern conflicts:

4.1

Role of the United Nations' Security Council (UNSC) is important

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Nation states during the wars must respect universal declaration of human rights

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Involvement of international community is needed

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Imposing sanctions on nation states that violate CTBT Pact

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Nation states must impose sanctions on unethical ~~use~~ use of AI in wars

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Economic sanctions are important to stop the aggressive states from wars

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#### Conclusion

It was a sunny day in Khan Youns, Gaza. Omina was playing with her son in the garden of olives. Suddenly, Israeli Airforce targeted the town. Omina lost hold on her son. The most notorious loud of explosion near the garden resulted in massive smoke. When she recovered from the chaotic situation, it was a horrible sight now front of her. Omina saw her son lying near the broken tree of olives wet with blood. Omina lost her son in the raids of Israel. Days passed but the ground invasion on Gaza pushed her to leave the city. Omina experienced sexual violence, hunger, health issues and oppression. It was the mid of 2024 when Israeli Airforce striked tents near Al-Shufa Hospital. The raids burnt the tents where Omina was sleeping with her family. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed the next day that Omina was burnt alive with her family. Undoubtedly, ethical dilemmas in the modern conflict became common. Every day thousands of men, children and women like Omina die from the aggression of wars. The philosophy of just war in the 21st century is confined to conferences and meetings of leaders. The sight of ethical dilemmas in modern conflicts became common. Civilians are experiencing massive casualties, starvation, violence and war crimes. Besides, destruction of health care and warheads used against civilians are common in the 21st century wars. These all dilemmas in the modern conflicts can

be eliminated through the United Nations Security Council and involvement of international community. Also, respecting universal declaration of human rights, imposing sanctions and regulating AI can eliminate the ethical dilemmas in modern conflicts. Thus, the philosophy of just war can be achieved in the current world order.