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'THE UNSEEN CONSEQUENCES OF WAR'

Outline

1. Introduction

1.1. Hook

1.2. General Statements

1.3. Thesis: Wars may end on paper with treaties and ceasefires, but their hidden aftermath; psychological trauma, economic ruins, environmental degradation and moral decay, lingers for generations.

2. The Unseen Consequences of War

2.1. Psychological trauma and Emotional damages

- a. PTSD among soldiers and survivor's guilt
e.g; After WWI, 'Shell shock' phenomenon
- b. Children's mental health affected

2.2. Civilians and Refugee crisis

- a. Forced displacement (UNHCR report 2024)
- b. Xenophobia

2.3. Social and Cultural Disruption

2.3.1. Collapse of Social Fabric

- a. Breakdown of Family units and Communal ties
- b. Loss of cultural heritage e.g; Palmyra in Syria (UN heritage site)

2.3.2. Rise of Extremism

In 2003, insurgencies and rise of militant groups as a result of Iraq War

2.4. Economic Devastation

2.4.1. Ruined Infrastructure

e.g. Ukraine ongoing war (2023 report)

2.4.2. Poverty and Brain drain

- loss of education and brain drain of skilled individuals
- Inflation and unemployment

5. Environmental and health issues

- land becomes unsuitable for vegetation e.g. Japan WWII
- Spread of epidemics

6. Moral and Ethical Corrosion

- Violence
- War crimes and human rights compromised
- Life long hatred among generations

Path to prevention

- Diplomatic conflict resolution
- Post-war reconstruction and emphasis on mental heal

Conclusion