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THE UNSEEN CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

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THE ESSAY

It was deployment day (D-Day) when the American infantry division decided to infiltrate the Omaha beaches against the Nazi forces in Nazi occupied France. Although the mission was a success for the Allied Forces, the gruesome images of the assualt remained in the minds of the war veterans. Many people believe that war is only about winning or losing territory; however, what people fail to understand is that war is much more than that. For centuries, war had a single dimension that involved asserting authority and capturing land. However, the terms and conditions of war have changed. War is now multi-dimensional, where the consequences are far-reaching. From the deterioration of mental health to increase in radicalism, war encapsulates everything. This is the reason why this essay will delve into the far-reaching, unseen consequences of war, while also explaining the reason behind them.

To begin with, the mental health issues is one the significant unseen consequences of war. Many war veterans, especially those who served during WW2, suffer from post-traumatic stress disord -er (PTSD). According to a research from

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WHO on post-war rehabilitation, 3 out 5 soldiers suffer from PTSD. This means 60% of citizens that were drafted during the WW2 suffer from PTSD. One of the soldiers who served during the Omaha beach assault told BBC that the sound of waves crashing into one another triggers a flashback to the grotesque events of the assualt. Though the veteran died in 2010, his family told BBC that the war had killed him mentally as he couldn't lead a normal life post-war. Similarly, the consequence of war is not only restricted to war veterans; rather, it permeated to the civilians as well. Fatima, a palestinian child, suffers from PTSD due to Israeli force bombardment. Whenever a plane crosses over their her house, she starts to cry. This struggle is not only restricted to fatima but also many other palestin-ian children. Depression and anxiety is another consequence of war due to the destruction it causes to the once vibrant neighbourhoods. It is reported that war causes widespread depression and anxiety, and inorder to tackle it. one must seek professional help. Therefore was results in the increase in mental health issues.

Another unseen consequence of

war is that it is profitable for a selected group. For instance, the shares of military corporations such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing industries, increased drastically during US war on terror. The reason behind the profits are the lucrative contracts that countries give to these corporations during war time. Furthermore, war zones work as a testing grounds for these weapons. For example, when Afghan Air Force shot down six Indian jets, the shares for Chegdu industries - creator of the J-10 — increased significantly. Moreover, these increase in shares also benefit the politicians. American senators are notorious for buying shares of military corporations. As the congress is respon- -sible for ratifying the contracts, they gives it to the industries in which they have shares. This results in great return in investments. Nancy Pelocy is known for her profitable portfolio of shares. Additionaly, war also helps in boosting the economy. As warfare front opens, production increases. The demand for food, equipment, amenties increase, resulting into increased output. For instance, the US industries output significantly increases during war time, which results in significant economy boost. Thus, war is also seen as

a profitable business.

The third unseen consequence of war is that it increases radicalism. During the Soviet-Afghan war, the Americans, with the help of Pakistan, trained a group of nomadic people known as mujahedeen. Though, Pakistan and the United States defeated the Soviet Union, it resulted in the opening of a new ~~Pandora's box~~. This led to the increase in radicalism in the group, which had consequential impact on the neighbouring countries. It is 2025 and Pakistan's still suffering from terrorism caused by rapid radicalisation among the mujahi--deen. Another instance of radicalisatio-n can be taken from the emergence of Nazism after WW1. Post-WW1 Germany was in ruins. The ~~economy~~ was tarnished and people fell into extreme poverty. Witnessing this, a young austrian painter named Adolf Hitler took ₹ Germany by storm. His hatred toward German leaders and Jews united people, leading to the creation of the Nazi party. Soon, radicalism spread throughout Germany, leading to Adolf Hitler's rise. It was due to the prevalent radical beliefs that the German prosecuted the Jews leading to the Holocaust.

Therefore, the increase in radicalism is one of many unseen consequences of war.