

Q3THE UNSEEN CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

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Outline

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3. Increase in Radicalism

- (a) Taliban after Soviet-Afghan war
- (b) Germany after defeat in WW1

4. Decline in Physical Health

- (a) Cancer caused by the orange agent
- (b) Permanent lung damage by mustard gas

### 5. War and hunger

- (a) Famine in Palestine
- (b) Famine in Bengal during WW2

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- (a) Pakistanis during wars against India
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- (a) Pakistan after May 2025
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- (a) Ukraine - Russia war and inflation
- (b) Petrol prices and the Strait of Hormuz.

### 9. Technological Advancement

- (a) Breakthrough in Medicine
- (b) Development of radar system
- (c) Improved weapon technology

## III Conclusion



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Atleast write your thesis

statement in your introduction

Follow proper structure of intro

Body paragraphs are fine

Make proper use of transitional devices

## 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 assault 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 disorder (PTSD). According to a report from



WHO on post-war rehabilitation, 3 out of 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 assault. 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 Palestinian 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 in order to tackle it, one must seek professional help. Therefore, war 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 Pakistan Air Force shot down six Indian jets, the shares for Chingdu 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 responsible for ratifying the contracts, they give it to the industries in which they have shares. This results in great return on investments. Nancy Pelosi is known for her profitable portfolio of shares. Additionally, war also helps in boosting the economy. As warfare front opens, production increases. The demand for food, equipment, amenities 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 the mujahideen. Though, Pakistan and the United States defeated the Soviet Union, it resulted in the opening of a new Pandora box. This led to the increase in radicalism in the group, which had consequential impact on the neighbouring countries. It is 2025 and Pakistan is still suffering from terrorism caused by rapid radicalisation among the mujahideen. Another instance of radicalisation 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 persecuted the Jews, leading to the Holocaust.



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

The decline in physical health after war is also an unseen consequence of war. During the Vietnam war, the US aerial fleets were having troubles in identifying targets due to the thick forest of Vietnam. The US state department with the help of the department of defence came up with a plan to destroy Vietnam's green cover. For that purpose, they created a chemical weapon called the 'orange agent'. This chemical was highly potent and it helped destroy some of the trees. However, the US troops that were present on ground came in contact with the cancer causing orange agent. Though at first, the US denied of knowing the harmful impacts of such a chemical weapon, but later due to the upsurge of cancer among US troops present in Vietnam, they reluctantly admitted of their wrong doings. Many Vietnam war veterans live with the horrifying memories of Vietnam through the cancer present in their bodies. Similarly, the use of mustard gas in WW2 had left many war veterans with chronic lung issues. Some recovered through rehabilitation,



however, many lived with it until they perished post-war. This demonstrates how war has an extended lifeline often reflected through the health of war veterans.

The most destructive, unseen consequences of war is hunger. The recent war of Israel against unarmed Palestinians shows how war can lead to the most devastating results. Israel deliberately stopped the food supplies going to the Palestinians, resulting in a famine. It was estimated that majority of the children in Gaza were malnourished. Many Palestinians died of hunger, with others resorting to eating plants. This was the situation that led the United Nations to term it as a famine. Similarly, during WW2, the sub-continent was still under colonial rule. Due to the increased number of soldiers and poor war planning, most of the food supplies in Bengal were diverted to the British troops. This led to a famine that killed a lot of people in the sub-continent. When Churchill was asked about the situation in Bengal, he asserted that it was not his fault that the people of the subcontinent breed like rabbits. This disregard to a majority of the population shows the unseen horrors of



consequences of war that perpetrates the killings of not only soldier but also the people in the sidelines.

One of the positive unseen consequences of war is that it unites the citizens. Before the recent four day war between Pakistan and India, the people of Pakistan were seen to be divided. However, as soon as India threatened the sovereignty of Pakistan, the citizens united and stood behind the Pakistani armed forces. This resulted in the historical operation conducted by the army, resulting in a decisive victory. Similarly, the Germans before the WW2 were increasingly divided. With Germany falling ~~to~~ into hyperinflation, the people remained segregated on issues pertaining to the future of Germany. However, the situation changed when Adolph Hitler took command of Germany and vowed to restore its lost honour. The citizens of Nazi Germany <sup>stood</sup> ~~took~~ behind the army as it invaded Austria. Even though, the war soon started, the Germans remained united against foreign state actors. Another example of the unification factor of war can be taken from the United States war on terror. After 9/11, many Americans were devastated. This devastation led



led to the Americans to unite under the umbrella of vengeance. Most Americans backed the US war on terror with many youngsters enlisting in the army. This shows how the threat of war can unite people. Thus, unification of citizens is the positive unseen consequence of war.

The seventh unseen consequence of war is that it determines a country's global standing. After the recent clashes with India, Pakistan's global standing or strategic importance has increased significantly. Not only did the Pakistani state gain importance in the region but also beyond it. For instance, Pakistan's involvement in bringing peace in the middle east is seen as a direct result of the four day war against India. Pakistan has also become a security provider for Saudi Arabia and has improved its relations with the United States. Another example of such phenomenon can be seen through the US's rise to power after WW2. Some defence analysts believe that the turning point in US's history came after it successfully defeated fascism, emanating from Europe. Similarly, Iran's global standing had also changed



significantly after it successfully defended itself from Israel attacks. The US and Israel were taken aback by Iran's missile system that easily penetrated Israel's top notch air defence systems. The world started to treat Iran differently after these attacks. Therefore, war determines a country's global standing.

The ~~eight~~ eighth unseen consequence of war is that it has a negative ripple effect on the world economy. The start of Russian-Ukraine war proved to have negative consequences for many countries. As countries were recovering from the damages caused by covid-19, Russia decided to invade Ukraine. This resulted in high inflation, which had a negative effect in the world economy. The reason of this was because countries that used to buy cheap crude oil from Russia, now had to switch to more expensive oil vendors. This resulted in not only expensive electricity but also expensive commodities. Similarly, the recent 12 day war between Iran and Israel resulted in the temporary increase in petroleum prices. As Iran was threatening to close the Strait of Hormouz, the international community was panicking. The reason



behind the panic was the importance of strait of Hormouz as most of the world's petroleum crosses the strait. This panic was enough to increase global petroleum prices; demonstrating the importance of collaboration. Therefore, a negative ripple effect is one of significant unseen consequences of war.

Lastly, the world has seen many technological advancements emanating from war; making it a significant ~~to~~ unseen consequence of war. With the end of World War 1 the world had witnessed a breakthrough in medicine. One of the most significant <sup>medical</sup> inventions of war was the creation of penicillin. Though, this creation was used after WW1, the reason behind the drug was Fleming's experience in the war. Alexander Fleming saw that war wounds killed most of the soldiers. As there was no remedy on treating infected wounds, he created penicillin. Many historians believe that the death toll of 50 million in WW2 would have ~~been~~ higher if it was not for Fleming's penicillin. Another technological breakthrough was the creation of the radar system in WW2. This invention is essentially



changed the way how people viewed warfare. This invention not only allows armies to see the invisible enemy, but also ~~allows~~<sup>assists</sup> them to intervene effectively. Similarly, war has been used to test weapons; leading to their advancement. It was in WW2, when Germany shocked the Allied forces with its rocket propelled aircrafts. This led to the creation of modern jets that continue to defy the "laws of physics". Therefore, it is important to mention that advancement of technology is one of the remarkable, unseen consequences of war.

In conclusion, war in the contemporary world has shown the people that it not only has visible consequences, but also many unseen consequences. From being profitable to perpetrating hunger, it checks all the dimensions. There are some unseen consequence that can be seen in a positive lights like its ability to unite people and its push towards technological advancements. However, there are alot of negative unseen consequences that makes it a devastating affair. Therefore, as written in UNESCO's constitution, "wars begin in the minds of men, and it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed".