

# True Peace Is Not Merely the Absence of Tension; It is the Presence of Justice

## Outline

1. Introduction
2. Conceptual Understanding of Peace and Justice
3. How the Presence of Peace Justice Ensures True Peace:
  - i) Justice prevents political tension when law applies equally to all.  
Independent judiciaries in Norway sustain peace through accountability.
  - ii) Exclusion from governance suppresses tension temporarily but undermines peace.  
The Good Friday Agreement restored peace through inclusive power-sharing.
  - iii) Peace without accountability is fragile and temporary.  
The International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutes war crimes to prevent future violence.
  - iv) Fair wealth distribution reduces tension and prevents unrest, making peace sustainable.

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Welfare systems reduce social unrest by addressing income gaps.

v) Exploitation in workplaces creates social tension, but fair wages and safe working conditions promote both justice and lasting peace.

Germany's labor protections reduce class conflict.

vi) Fair and transparent

vi) Fair distribution of land and resources respects rights and ~~reduces social tension~~.

Vietnam's land reforms stabilized rural communities and prevented conflict.

vii) Ensuring social equality reduces discrimination and tension, creating a just and peaceful society.

Ending apartheid in South Africa created lasting peace through equality and inclusion.

viii) Protecting women's rights prevents social unrest and strengthens societal stability.

UN Women's Peace and Security initiatives show inclusive peace agreements last longer.

ix) Allowing peaceful protest upholds justice and ~~prevents social tension from turning into conflict~~.

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The Civil Rights Movement in the USA used non-violent protests to achieve lasting legal reforms.

x) Equal access to information prevents social inequality and unrest, supporting peaceful societies.

Expanding internet access to rural areas reduces educational and economic exclusion.

xi) Technology can improve access to justice and reduce delay in legal systems, ensuring fairness and maintaining social peace.

Online court systems and digital legal aid in countries like India speed up trials, reducing social tension.

xii) Fair access to natural resources prevents disputes and ensures sustainable peace.

The Green Climate Fund helps poor nations adapt, reducing climate-related conflicts.

xiii) Policies protecting future generations ensures fairness and long-term sustainable peace.

Youth-led climate lawsuits hold governments accountable for future citizens.

4. Conversely, Peace can exist without justice.

5. However, True Peace requires justice.

6. Conclusion.

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