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Great Nations Win Without Fighting

I. Introduction

- Quote from Sun Tzu, The Art of War
- Historical Context: Rise and fall of nations
- Internal and external challenges faced by nations

Great nations win without fighting by working on their growth and development, adjusting to the evolving nature of warfare, working on human development and rational decision-making in times of adversity.

II. Body Paragraph 1: Development and Growth Over War

- Prioritizing economic and social development
- Measure of strength: Economy, education and services
- Example: China's economic rise post Opium wars
- Contrasting example: Decline of USSR and US Interventions

III. Body Paragraph 2: Evolving Nature of Warfare

- Shift from economic combat
- New forms of conflict beyond traditional
- Example: US-China trade war and Russia's Struggle

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IV. Body Paragraph 3: Human Development

- Choosing neutrality and investing in human capital
- Focusing resources on education, healthcare and social welfare
- Examples: Scandinavian countries

V. Body Paragraph 4: Rational Decision Making in Times of Adversity

- Reliance on rationality, dialogue and reconciliation
- Violence as a last resort
- Example: Saudi Arabia's response to Arab Spring and Syria's use of force

VI. Conclusion

- Thesis Statement Restated
- Recapping key points
- True measure of greatness through non violent strategies

'The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting' said the great Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu in his famous book The Art of War. History is a testament to the rise and fall of nations; great iron-clad nations turning to ashes in the dust of time and bequeathing mankind with though provoking lessons on the

cycle of power in the world. Turning over the pages of ruthless history, one finds that nations face threats not only from external factors but a plethora of nations meet a bad fate due to internal turmoil, and the only distinguishing factor between a great nation and an average nation is in their response to the challenges. Great nations are wise and their prestige lies in reason and intellect and not in the business of war. Great nations win without fighting by working on their growth and development adjusting to the evolving nature of warfare, working on human development, and rational decision making in times of adversity. Engaging in fighting to showcase honor has only led to humiliation and destruction but working on human empowerment with steadfastness and honesty has made even the lowest of nations rise to sky.

Great nations win by focusing their resources, both material and human, on growth and development. In the contemporary era, a great nation is the one with better numbers on the scale of economy, services and education. Long gone are the days, when the measure of territory was a matter of prestige for nations. China, rising from opium wars and massive humiliation from West, is a testament that not only fighting but hard work and perseverance is the secret of winning. China is the fastest growing economy today, with a

huge military might and economic might with influence in global affairs. It is deterring its enemies with ~~its~~ its robust economy, sophisticated military technology and resourceful human capital. On the contrary, US once a sole superpower is now on the brink of going down due to military adventures from Europe to the Middle East and Afghanistan. Similarly, the USSR broke down into fifteen parts by choosing the means of fighting.

The wars of today have transcended traditional battlefields. Even the means of fighting have evolved from gunpowder to nuclear weapons and now involve around dollars. Fighting is subtle and covert that it has blurred International system. Fighting is proving disastrous for Russia where its military might have not been able to bring down Ukraine. Great nations win in the human and economic spheres and it raises the cost of war such that none tries to counter them militarily.

Many of the great nations today are the ones that have remained neutral and distanced themselves from the business of wars. By doing so, these nations were able to focus on human growth and intellect. A focus on education, peace, and gender equality is a characteristic of great nations today. It is not restricted to the number of missiles or army but depends on a number of graduates, quality research and tolerance. The Scandinavian countries are known for their excellent performance on human develop-

ment, gender equality, education and healthcare. Finland has continued to top global happiness index for years. Norway has proved to be an educational hub with equal opportunities for all. Sweden has the best universities working on social sciences and peace studies today. By working on human capital, nations become great and leave a mark on the world.

Great nations when faced with adversity always act rationally. Violence is the last choice of weapon for them. Primacy is given to dialogue, reconciliation and accommodation. Irrational decision-making, hollow claims and impulsive actions bring destruction. In the Arab Spring 2010, when faced with dissent from within, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia acted quickly and announced relief packages for people to pacify them. On the contrary, Syria used violence and has since then been engulfed in a deadly civil war. Recently, the dusting of Sheikh Haseena also reiterates that fighting is useless. Great nations are rational entities with responsible leadership and a defined goal for which they take meaningful steps and avoid unnecessary adventures.