

War Should Never Be the Answer
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Growing up in America, “home of the brave,” it seems all I ever hear about is war. In my history classes, on the news, in recruiting commercials. It is so prominent in every part of our daily lives it is seen as just another part of life. It is such an absurd concept that fighting with another country is just another story on the news. The United States constantly has elected officials talking about ways to end the war such as Congress, the Senate, and most prominently, the President. Action on the matter is yet to be seen. It is difficult to just pack up and leave a nation that we have been at war with for so many years. Why couldn't the whole war have been avoided by a non-violent approach? This is the tough question that no one really seems to be able to answer.

I wholeheartedly respect what brave men and women of the United States do every day to protect our freedoms. However, I do not agree that war is the way to solve these issues. How many people have to die before a war is “over?” What have all these killings accomplished? Sadly, all that is accomplished in war is the senseless deaths of unsuspecting citizens and damage to the homes of innocent people. Entire cities wiped out, along with their culture and heritage. Our military, I believe, does the best they can with what they have presented to them. Still that's not always enough. Veterans throughout history have served admirably but it is time for a change in the approach to senseless violence in our world.

So many innocent lives of citizens in foreign countries are harmed because of those defending all of us safe at home. A raid on an entire city for one targeted person could result in the deaths of hundreds if not thousands of people. Is that one terrorist, enemy leader or whoever we're targeting worth it? We have experienced within my lifetime terrorist attacks in our country with 9/11. I don't think taking the life of even one innocent person should happen.

War is a tough subject. History has proven that. There are so many ways to look at it. In the end result the outcome of the number of lives lost and damages caused by war can never be undone. War should never be the answer for any country, and I think the United States should be the first one to find a different approach. How can we do this? First, it starts in our Federal Government with our President and even more importantly with Congress. We, as citizens, need to support these politicians that represent these views. The decisions that they make are historically impacting. Our generation is the future. We are the ones who will create change in America. It will be up to us to work for a more peaceful and productive nation. Who should be the first to take a non-violent approach to solving an international problem. The answer: everyone.