

War Is Not the Answer
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Former President John F. Kennedy once said, "Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind." This quote illustrates the destruction and devastation that war brings to all humanity. War is too outdated and barbaric for day and age. Indeed, war is a serious societal problem that our nation faces; however, there are ways to prevent war for our future generations.

First, as a society, the nation must shift away from the acceptance of war and all of the complications that are accompanied with it. As long as I can remember, our nation has deployed troops to Iraq and Afghanistan. Being a young girl, I wasn't sure what exactly was going on, but I learned to accept the war, especially since I assumed that every nation engaged in battles. As I grew older, I realized how detrimental war is to all involved. Thankfully I was able to grow out of that mindset, yet most of our nation thinks of war as just an everyday event that really has no direct effect on civilian life; therefore, it is our duty as knowledgeable citizens to spread awareness to those who are not understanding of the problem at hand. Clearly, moving away from acceptance by spreading awareness is one way to help end war.

Second, our nation must educate the younger generations on communication skills which are the ultimate cure for war. If nations could clearly communicate without personal opinions and frustration getting in the way, our world would be a much kinder, gentler place. These communication skills would help the younger generations learn how to empathize and reason with people of various cultures and ethnicities even with a language barrier. These communication skills could potentially change how our nation votes for political leaders. Instead of looking for politicians with military background, we could poll for candidates that are skilled at communicating. Obviously, with proper communication skills, our nation could help find the cure for war.

Indeed, war is a treacherous act of violence that can be prevented. One effective way to avoid war would be to take away its acceptance by spreading awareness. It is our responsibility as informed citizens to spread our insight of war to other less knowledgeable individuals. In addition to rid war of its acceptance, we, as a nation, must educate our younger generations on communication skills. With these skills, our nation could learn to empathize with other cultures and ethnicities, and these skills could change our politics forever. Certainly, war is disastrous, and it is never the answer. Moving away from acceptance and implementing communication skills are how our nation should reply to the issue, and if the nation cannot carry out this task, then war will surely put an end to mankind.