Can war be justified?

For

War can be justified

(Expand)

Develop your point with an example/evidence. This can be a religious teaching!

Against

War cannot be justified

(Expand)

Develop your point with an example/evidence. This can be a religious teaching!

Religion

What do Christians/Sikhs think about war, can it be justified?

(Expand)

Develop your point with reference to a religious teaching, example or quotation.

Opinion

Overall, what do you think? Which side of the argument is the strongest? Why? Give reasons for your opinion.

Remember

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Type your answer here....

Some people might suggest that war can be justified as there are positive consequences of war including freedom, ending discrimination and many more. We can prove this as world war 2 gave freedom to many jews and prisoners in the concentration camps, and ending the nanzi regime. Other examples of freedom include the freedom of south sudan. South sudan was once part of sudan and only became its own country in 2011 making it one of the newest countries in the world, after 22 years of fighting.

However some people believe that war can never be justified. These people are called pacifists and they directly follow the teachings of Jesus or a religious figure or person. They argue that war causes loss of life, broken families and destruction and that only evil can cause war. Christian pacifists lived by the teachings of jesus one of these teachings was 'those who live by the sword die by the sword' this would mean that those who fought in war would die by the sword in war. This emphasises that war is destruction and death. In WW2 the blitz destroyed homes and killed thousands all over Britain and especially London became so horrific that all children were evacuated from cities and sent to the countryside.

When the romans converted to christianety they soon figured out that they couldn't defend themselves as being a christian made it so you were a pacifist, this left the greatest empire of all time at risk of an invasion as they were hopeless as they could not fight this lead a man called St Thomas Aquinas to come up with the just war theory. This theory stated a group of rules. These rules are: just cause, lawful authority, right intention, last resort, reasonable chance of success, proportionality and discrimanation. This basically said that war was only acceptable if it met all the criteria above.

I believe that war is acceptable as long as it is for the greater good. The reason that I agree with this side of the argument is because if a million people were being sent to a slave camp where they would work to be killed I would want to fight for them.