

Will world conflicts cease to exist in the 21st century?

I strongly believe that we will not be able to terminate world conflicts in the 21st century, as "terminate" means to completely erase all problems. However, there are three ways that we can make world conflicts easier to resolve.

Firstly, affordable foreign language education can help make interactions smoother and lowers the risk of miscommunication. In addition, when one learns a foreign language, they learn about the culture and people behind that language. For example, English is the third most commonly spoken language in the world, with native speakers from 50 different countries across all seven continents. That language alone provides people with the opportunity for developing empathy for people who are different from them.

Secondly, the divestment of corporations from public interests would benefit humanity as a whole. While ideally public matters should be in the hands of the people, there are mostly determined by which private corporation can contribute the most money to a politician's campaign. Currently in the United States, one of the current issues involves gun control. One reason that it is difficult to create new gun laws there is because a private organization known as the NRA pay politicians to slow down the law-making process. If they divest, it would make the country safer.

Thirdly, public coverage of basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing would decrease poverty. This would help resolve world conflicts, as poverty is one of the leading causes of crime, especially petty crimes such as theft. Some countries such as the Netherlands, Canada and Kenya are experimenting with a Universal Basic Income policy, in which all residents of a country, regardless of income, receive a basic amount of money from the government, in order to survive. UBI is just one or many ways that we can help people not only survive, but also have the means to contribute to their nation's economy and avoid conflict.

For these reasons, while I don't believe that world conflicts can be completely resolved, there are measures we can take in order to make conflict resolution easier.

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