

1 | why does war happen

1.1 | when people disagree and resort to force

1.1.1 | why cant countries just take each other to court?

1.2 | want more (greed + scarcity)

1.2.1 | easiest way to get stuff might be to take it from someone else

1.2.2 | power is almost by definition scarce, and other relative measures

2 | what would be required to put an end to war

2.1 | in most small groups, its possible to find a shared goal. however, on a national level we often don't plan that far ahead so we don't really work towards complex shared goals

2.2 | emergence towers (wait but why)

2.3 | just/moral leaders

2.4 | sufficient mutually assured destruction

2.5 | total domination

2.6 | uncooperative populus (if people don't want to fight/mutiny)

3 | is there such a thing as a just (or good, ethical, righteous) war; why/whynot

3.1 | for there to be a just war, there must be a common 'good'.

3.2 | however, is goodness relative? there seem to be some things which are generally considered good by most people, but its unclear that those are necessarily always good for everyone.

3.3 | if there is something that all parties agree are good, then that would be a just war?

3.4 | maybe there is a real ground-truth good, but we can't know what it is

3.5 | WWII: allied powers agreed that the holocaust was bad, but the nazis thought they were doing the right thing

3.6 | violence is not always bad. extend subjective experience

3.7 | war isn't just but one side may be in the moral correct

3.8 | all violence is unjust? there is always a more peaceful way

3.9 | abstract wars

3.10 | its difficult to measure the value of a life (soldiers vs civilians, citizens vs those of other countries)