Theme D assessment

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2. Christians think that violence is wrong because Jesus would not be violent

Buddhists think that violence is wrong because it is a moral precept

1. Christians may wish to protest because of social injustice for example martin Luther king

Buddhists may want to protest because against a repressive government because they do not allow them to fulfil their goals like thich quang duc.

1. Some Christians may believe justice is necessary to establish peace. “an eye for an eye” represents that negative actions are fair to go against.

Some Buddhists may believe that justice is fair because the dalli lama said it is fair to kill if it is in self-defence, meaning that it is justified

1. Some Christians may agree with this statement as to own weapons go against God. God created all life and to take away life is against God. Genesis 9:6 mentions the sanctity of life and “if you kill you shall be killed”. This means that if countries possess nuclear weapons, they have the power to kill millions of innocent people, and this massively contradicts Genesis 9:6. A lot of these Christians will believe these weapons shouldn’t even be used to kill sinful people as they believe in rehabilitation over punishment.

Some Buddhists may also agree with this statement as it gives countries the power break the first moral precept. The first moral precept is to not kill or harm any being. Owning nuclear weapons can give the potential to kill a lot of people and this breaks the first moral precept.

Another view may disagree with this statement. It could be said that nuclear weapons are necessary to establish power against rival countries. Countries like the United States may need to own nuclear weapons to pose a threat to countries like China, as a deterrent. To own nuclear weapons doesn’t automatically mean that they will be used to kill people, they could just be used to protect the country and intimidate enemies.

I personally agree with this statement. I think this because nuclear weapons are extremely powerful and will undoubtedly kill innocent people if used. I believe that nobody should have access to weapons of mass destruction that can kill at that magnitude, even if it is just used as a threat.