

# War, Peace, and Human Security

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## Introduction

1. Discuss scenario on taking over command – incipient insurgency – mass alienation.
2. **Alienation** = Indifference. The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference. The opposite of life is not death, its indifference.
3. Launched **Sadbhavna** to win peace – published my book after having waited 12 years to give peace a change – after all, we were attempting something that had not been done before.
4. People often say that after retirement, Generals become advocates of peace. I practiced peace when I was in command of forces in an area affected by insurgency. Realized the futility of war and the need to have a **higher purpose in life.**

## Decline of Violence in History

5. In his monumental book, **The Better Angels of Nature**, Steven Pinker argues that, the most significant development in human history is the **decline of violence**, which is at its lowest level today.
6. Contrary to popular belief, the 20<sup>th</sup> century was not the most violent century in history. In the ranking of death toll (mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century equivalent), the results are startling:

#1	An Lushan Revolt 429,000,000	8 <sup>th</sup> Century
#2	Mongol Conquests 278, 000,000	13 <sup>th</sup> Century
#3	Mideast Slave Trade 132, 000,000	7-19 <sup>th</sup> Century
#9	2 <sup>nd</sup> World War 55,000,000	20 <sup>th</sup> century
#16	1 <sup>st</sup> World War 15,000,000	20 <sup>th</sup> century

\* *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, Steven Pinker

## My Beliefs

7. Beliefs are assumptions, values, and principles derived from our life experiences. Beliefs are not what you think; they are what you practice. Our world view, attitude and behaviors are shaped by beliefs.
- **Man is innately good.** I agree with Rousseau that man is born good but is corrupted by society. Interestingly, one survey says that only 38 percent Westerners believe that man is good.
  - **Reverence for life** is an ethical principle based on respect for all forms of life—humans, animals, and even plants. Those who believe in this principle, are non-violent, they serve the poor and the suffering, and practise compassion and forgiveness.
  - **Human security.** Lies at the core of national security.



9. In remote and under-developed areas, the armed forces can even “piggy-back” the Administration.

### **We are Citizens first**

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  - Most difficult part for the military and corporations to understand. The military mind is Clausewitzian.  
*“The business of business is business.”*(Milton Friedman). Such a market culture is contradictory to citizenship.
  - Think global, act local.
  - We get our self-identity from the community.

### **It’s 1% that Start a Revolution**

11. Transformational leaders do not need 100% support to change society. History is replete with examples where revolutions are started by 1%. Whether you want war or peace or sustainability, you need just 1% to believe in it.
12. Transformational leaders must focus on arousing the 1%. Like what Christ and the 12 Apostles did.
13. Are you prepared to be the 1%?

## **Premise #2: Rise in Protests & Dissent**

### **Era of Dissent / Protest**



3. **Winning hearts and minds** -a shibboleth
4. **Womens' empowerment** and **education** are the key to conflict-prevention.

### **New Thoughts on Leadership**

1. Leadership is the ability to lead yourself first; then others.
2. Transformation begins with you, then 1%, and finally 20%.
3. Winning the *hearts and minds* is a shibboleth; you have to win the heart first.
4. The crisis of leadership: flawed education; rise in human consciousness and diminishing spirituality.
5. Leadership and values have to be learnt like any other art and science. The 10,000 hour rule is applicable for leaders also.