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<center>War is Good</center>

War is good because war can end oppression, helping nations grow. There are countless countries and peoples that went to war with their tyrannical rulers, won and had much better lives from there on out. One example of war ending oppression and helping a country grow is the American Revolution. As stated by the Liberty Fund, "The American Revolution, despite all its obvious costs and excesses, brought about enormous net benefits not just for citizens of the newly independent United States, but also, over the long run, for people across the globe" (Hummel). As the text states; once we broke free and became independent in the American Revolution, there were many benefits not just for America, but for people across the world. Without the Revolutionary war ending the oppression of Great Britain, we wouldn't have gained independence and seen the benefits of our independence. This shows war is good because it can ends oppression and helps us. Another example of war ending oppression and helping nations is the Korean War. North Korea invaded South Korea with the intention of uniting South Korea with communist North Korea. This action sparked a war between the two nations. After the war was fought, North and South Korea were established as two nations, and South Korea's economy got a lot better. As stated by Encyclopedia Britannica; "The population more than doubled between the end of the war and the turn of the 21st century. Simultaneously, modern education developed rapidly again with considerable government involvement but also because of the resurgence of the

Korean people's traditional zeal for education" (Encyclopedia Britannica). This passage

shows the benefits of the Korean War ending the oppression of North Korea. This

shows that war is good by describing the benefits of South Korea having oppression

ended through war. Without the Korean War, North Korea would have likely taken

control of South Korea, making the benefits the quote described above possible.

Therefore, war is good because it can free nations from oppression, helping them grow

and prosper.

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Rebuttal

On the other hand, war can be bad for a lot of reasons. It creates lots and lots of

destruction, forces nations to spend millions or even billions of dollars on military

equipment. However, even though war is expensive, where does the money the

government is spending on military equipment go? The trash? A bank? No! The money

is being paid to the manufacturers of the equipment they are buying it from. For

example, during WWII, there were numerous companies manufacturing planes, tanks,

trucks, artillery, and more. The huge spending on military equipment gave the American and in turn the global economy a huge boost. During WWII, the U.S. and most of the rest of the world were suffering from the great depression. The huge economic boost helped lift the U.S. and the rest of the world out of the great depression. As stated by the Mercatus Center of the George Mason University, "consumption rose by 22 percent between 1944 and 1947, and spending on durable goods more than doubled in real terms. Gross private investment rose by 223 percent in real terms, with a whopping six-fold real increase in residential- housing expenditures" (Bohanon). This quote describes the economic boost during and slightly after WWII. Consumption of goods grew dramatically, spending more than doubled, investment rose more than 200%, and there was a huge increase in housing spending. This shows that even though war is expensive, it gives economies a huge boost.

Economy aside, there is also a huge amount of destruction in war. War destroys so much, it can't be good. But wait: it can! Since things are destroyed in war, it gives nations an opportunity to improve and update their technology. For example, after the pearl harbor attack, only outdated ships were destroyed, making room in the Navy for new and improves warships. As stated by the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, "[the] West Virginia sunk in 40 feet of water… Fortunately, Pearl Harbor's shipyard was still operational. The yard put patches over her torpedo holes and floated her to dry dock. In May, 1942, fixed up enough to sail, the West Virginia left for a major overhaul on the West Coast… It was not until July 1944 that she finally rejoined the fleet, just in time for the Battle of Leyte Gulf. When the West Virginia returned, she was a much better ship.

She had no visible funnels, a sleeker superstructure, and bristled with heavy antiaircraft guns. Most importantly for the coming battle, the long delay in upgrading her meant that she had the Navy's newest Mark 8 fire control radar system plus additional radar to spot aircraft" (Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum). This passage shows that even though the West Virginia was sunk and almost destroyed, it was taken for repairs, completely fixed, and even improved. This shows that destruction makes room for improvement. You may argue that that makes war even more expensive, but those expenses get paid to people, giving the economy another boost. As you can see, even though war is expensive and causes lots of destruction, those seemingly negative effects actually bring about a positive effect during and after the conflict.

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