

A photograph of three young women laughing together outdoors. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a grey shirt. The woman in the middle has long brown hair and is wearing an orange shirt. The woman on the right has dark hair and is wearing a blue floral shirt. They are all smiling and laughing, with their arms around each other. The background is a blurred cityscape with greenery.

PROTECT THE YOUNGER GENERATION

The topic of war is well-perceived as controversial. Many don't know how vastly the effects of war can have on generations to come, especially on the younger generation. When conflicts arise between two different countries oftentimes the situation may get so intense that war is the next thing to potentially follow. Real time and effort is spent thinking about whether the situation between the countries can be settled and an alliance be formed. If there's no other solution thought of, war may begin. Not only does war disrupt the development of the social and economic fabric of nations, but war causes long term physical and psychological harm to children and adults. Children and adults have the same world to share; all generations are needed in the now.

Children should not have to carry the burden of the effects war contributes. The future and wellbeing of the younger generation is at stake. Especially in countries where we see today conflicts beginning to rise. The education given to the younger generation is slowly decreasing. Most girls in countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Mali, Ethiopia and more are not granted the opportunity to attend school. Not only does this decrease their chances of success but also limits their access to learning. Children are exposed to situations of terror during war. These experiences may leave permanent influence of post traumatic stress disorder. No

one deserves to experience tragedy at a young age. The countries that go through with war go through a massive decline of their economy. This can disrupt the basic needs of inhabitants and cause poverty percentages to increase.

Most foreign countries' issues are not spoken about enough. Just as climate change has become a global concern, prevention of war and conflicts deserves just as much attention given. There needs to be more light shed into the warfare of these countries. The power of social media is inevitable. Voices being used harmoniously and speaking in favor of these countries can cause significant and prominent change. Countries who know and have the ability to help and offer support can contribute to things turning around. We need to be mindful of the younger generation; they will be running this world soon. Encourage children and discuss with them what they can see and relate to today, for there lies their future. We need to protect the younger generation so that they may not face what older generations have faced. The number one step to seeing change is positive intervention and acts going into effect, resulting in powerful change. Let's do this, let's fight, let's overcome and help the world.

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