The Etiology Of A Culture Of Violence
And Maturation Toward A Culture Of Peace

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Abstract

The concept of a culture of peace as an alternative to cultures of war and violence was initially discussed at a conference in 1989 at Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast. Based on the assumption that peace is more likely to occur if there is acceptance of common values and beliefs and a common governing body that could mediate any differences, a Program of Action with eight areas was developed as a foundation for a culture of peace program. The founders of this program proposed that, if practiced by all nation-states at the macro level, it could move nation-states from cultures of war and violence to a culture of peace.

A relationship between a culture of war and a culture of violence has been established as has the direction of learning violent behaviour which is top-down. What has not been demonstrated to date is the relationship between cultures of war and violence and a culture of peace, and the direction of learning attributes of culture. In addition, what has not been demonstrated is whether the macro areas of UNESCO's Program of Action can be successfully applied at a micro individual level.

This research demonstrates that there are similarities between cultures of war and violence at the macro level, and a culture of peace at the micro level, and that education and praxis at the latter will facilitate intervention at the former. This will occur as individuals become aware and gain the skills to implement the eight areas within UNESCO's Program of Action as a means of dealing with differences and, as a result, mature toward a culture of peace. The direction of the learning attributes of culture is bottom-up. Peace building, peace maintenance and the prevention of conflict should be facilitated as a result of the maturation process.

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Acronyms

ADR	Alternate Dispute Resolution
APA	American Psychological Association
CF	Canadian Forces
CIMIC	Civil Military Cooperation
CISD	Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
CPA	Canadian Psychological Association
CPNN	Culture of Peace News Network
ICC	International Criminal Court
MSF	Medecins Sans Frontiere (Doctors Without Borders)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OED	Organization of Economic Development
PCL	Positive Culture Leadership
PsyOps	Psychological Operations
QSR NUD*IST	Non-numerical Unstructured Data Indexing Searching and Theory-building
RCMP	Royal Canadian Mounted Police
SHRM	Society for Human Resource Managers
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force