



# Chapter Nineteen

## Violence and War

# Realism

- In the real world, violence is a tool
- Consequentialism, focused on results and less on morality of means to achieve them
- Connected to militarism: celebrating military power
- No inherent or intrinsic moral limits to warfare
- Moral ideas to not apply to warfare
- Need to be strategic about the use of violence

# Pacifism

- War is always wrong.
- Deontology and the morality of killing
- Nonviolent alternatives are preferable.
- Arguments often grounded in religious perspective – Gandhi, King
- Nonreligious arguments often consequentialist – violence begets violence
- Critics argue that sometime killing is sometimes necessary to defend life.

# Just War Theory

- Limited use of force
  - Jus ad Bellum
    - Just cause
    - Legitimate authority
    - Proportionality
    - Last resort
    - Right intention
  - Jus in Bello
    - Proportionality
    - Discrimination
    - Intrinsically evil means

# Current Issues

- Terrorism
  - Violent act causing widespread terror
  - Suicide attacks
  - Often grounded in realism
  - Considered a war crime
- Targeted killing and drones
  - Targeted killing as a legitimate method of warfare?
  - Essential response to terrorism?

# Current Issues, cont.

- Weapons of Mass Destruction
  - Biological, chemical and nuclear weapons
  - Different order of magnitude than typical weapons
- War crimes and universal human rights
  - Victor's justice
  - International protocols
  - Crimes against humanity

# Current Issues, cont.

- Torture
  - Waterboarding
  - Enhanced interrogation methods
  - Pacifism vs. realism

# Fitz-Gibbon: Peace

- Gandhi, King as advocate of nonviolence resistance
- Nonviolence as a political tool
- Pacifism criticized as ineffective, but it used by many in Eastern Europe and Middle East to achieve social/political change.
- Different understandings of pacifism:
  - Principled opposition to war in all forms but not all forms of violence
  - Principled opposition to all forms of violence, including war
  - Principled opposition to some kinds of war



# Walzer: The Triumph of Just War Theory

- The original function of just war theory
- Just war theory and the religious center
- Realism and just war theory
- Vietnam and the re-emergence of just war theory

# Walzer: The Triumph of Just War Theory (cont.)

- The first Gulf War and just war theory
- The moral triumph of just war theory
- Objections and replies