

# The History of Peacebuilding and Rotary

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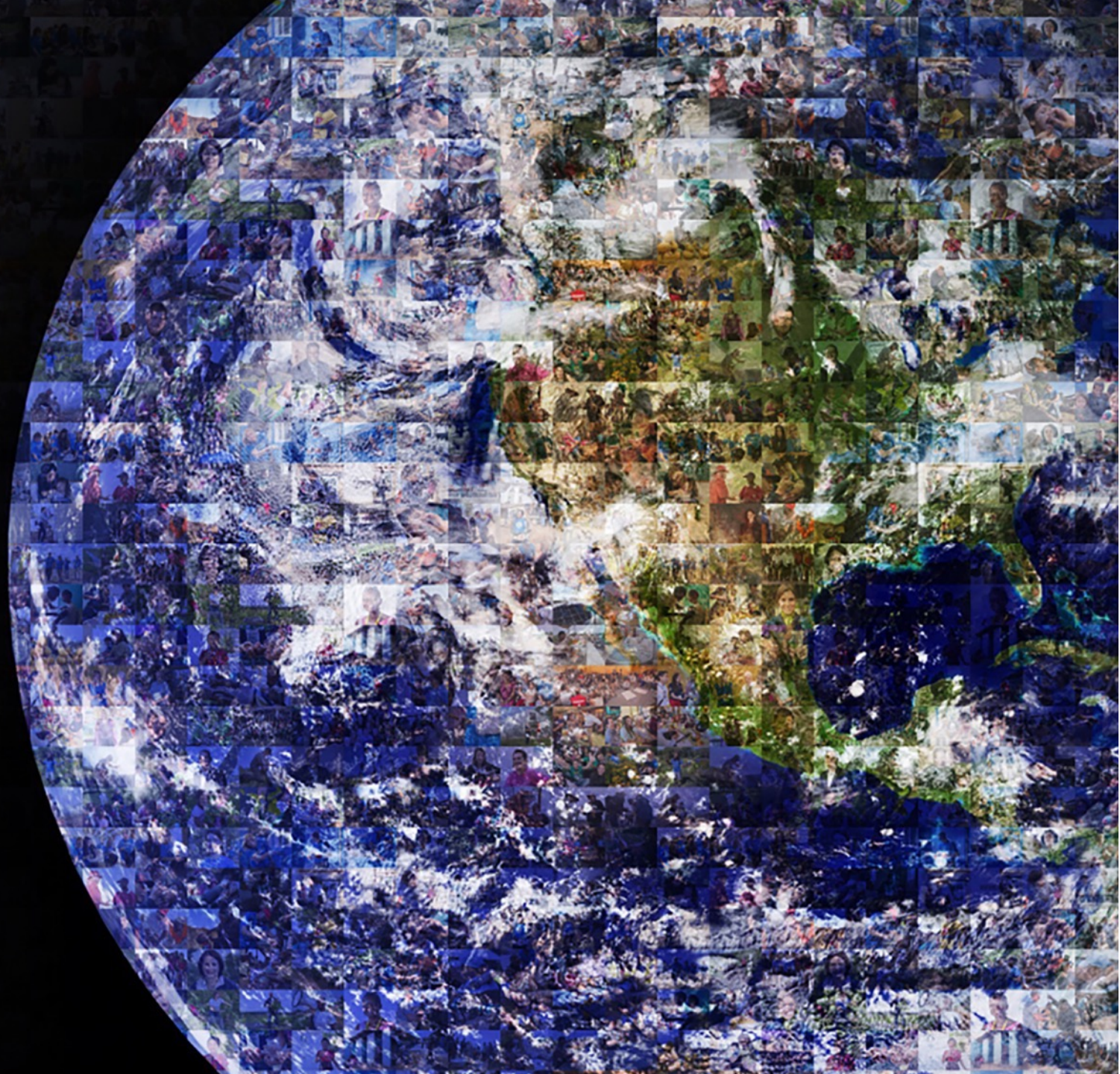
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# Learning Objectives

- Understand the objectives & history of Rotary in Peacebuilding.
- Understand the concepts of Negative Peace and Positive Peace.
- Learn how the Framework of Positive Peace and the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace can be used to promote Global Peace Initiatives.
- Learn how individuals and Rotary Clubs can become active in promoting Peace.

# PEACE NARRATIVE

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## Rotary's Four Roles

- Practitioners
- Educators
- Mediators
- Advocates

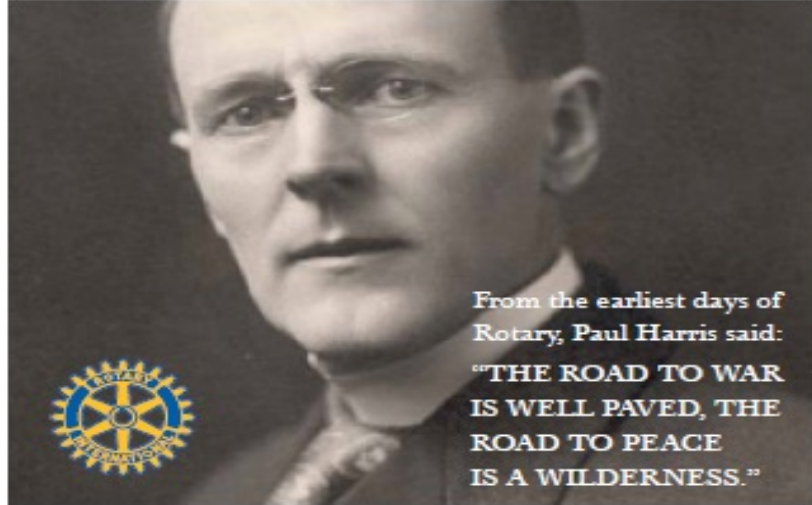
## Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace

Rotary and its members are:

- **Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
- **Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.
- **Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.
- **Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

# THE QUEST FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE

HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE OF ROTARY SINCE ITS EARLY DAYS



From the earliest days of Rotary, Paul Harris said: "THE ROAD TO WAR IS WELL PAVED, THE ROAD TO PEACE IS A WILDERNESS."

RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000 it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

**1917**

At their convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotarians unanimously agreed to incorporate peace-making into Rotary's constitution and by-laws with these words, "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."



**1921**

Rotarians again made a significant contribution to peacemaking at their convention in Havana, Cuba by adopting a resolution calling for "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights" that became the framework for the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



**1940**

Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science and culture after World War II. This meeting led the international dialogues on reconstructing education around the world once WWII was over, and served as a precursor to UNESCO.



**1942**

In April 1945, Rotary was at the forefront of arguably one of the most important meetings of the 20th Century; the finalizing of the charter of the United Nations in San Francisco. Rotary was invited to attend as an observer organization. Rotary provided 11 official observers to the US delegation alone – only one other organization had more than three. *A Century of Service, The Story of Rotary International* by David C. Forward.

**1945**

The United Nations Universal Declaration for Human Rights was finalized using the framework and guidelines from the 1940 Rotary International Convention in Havana.



**1948**

Rotary builds peace through its single largest and most significant project: PolioPlus. To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio. Polio once infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2011, only 650 cases were reported, and in 2012 only 223.



Rotarians Make a Difference

**1985**















The City of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia was declared the first Rotary Peace City in the world. Now there are over sixty Rotary Peace Cities.
















**1992**















# Essays Written by Rotarians and Published by Rotary

1944

 ARANHA	 WELLS	 DURANT	 WALLACE
 DOUGLAS	<h2>A World to <i>Live</i> In</h2> <p>Thirty thoughtful men explore problems which will become acute when World War II ends and the nations again must grapple with the task of setting up an order in which an increasing number of people will possess the unalienable rights of human beings.</p>		 COMPTON
 HOWE	 MCNUTT		
 STAMP	 BEATTY		
 KETTERING	 PALYI	 KEMMERER	 GANDHI

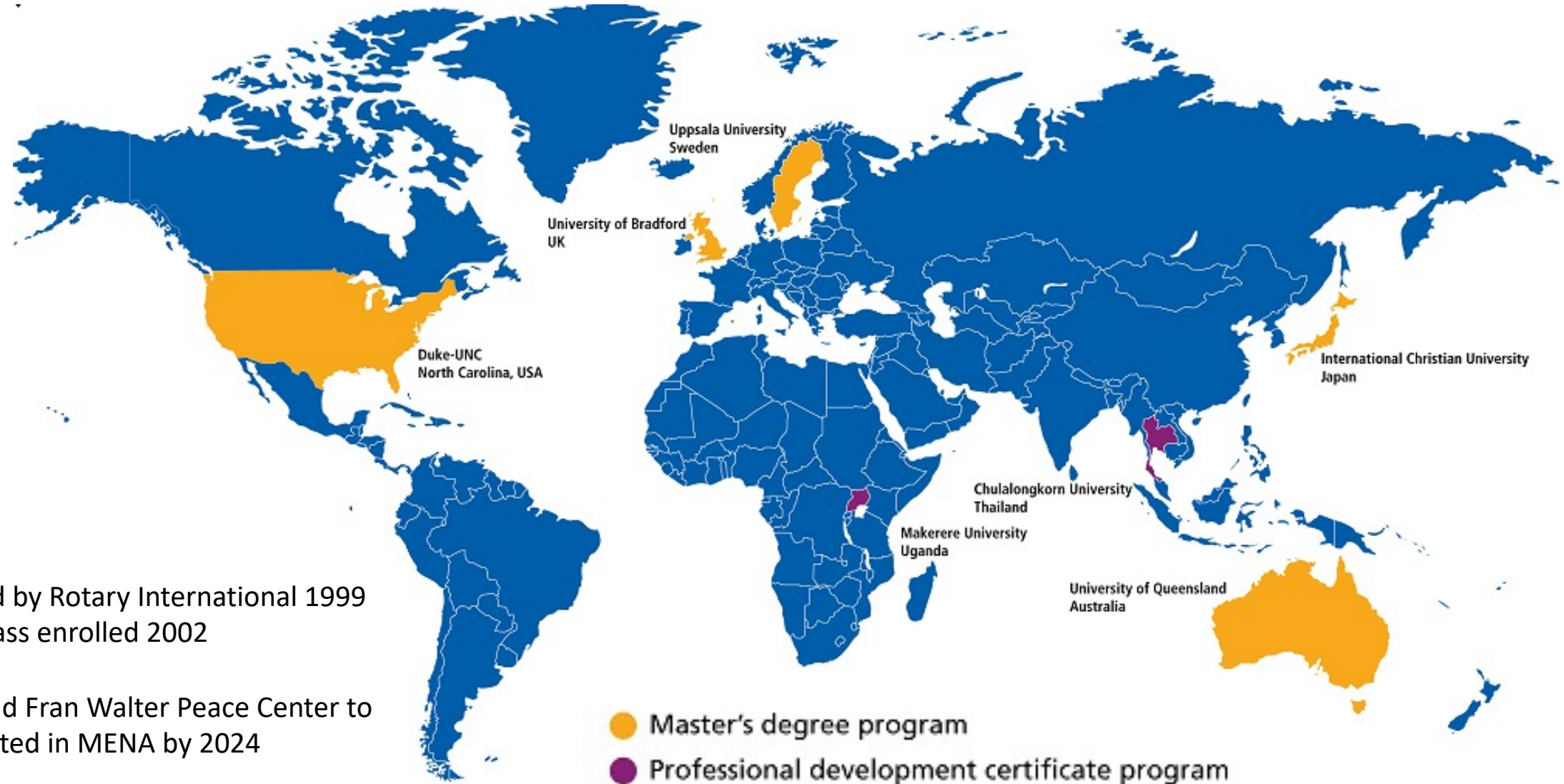
1942

 HOOVER	 ADAMS	 MANN	 CHURCHILL
 STEFANSSON	<h2>PEACE Is a Process</h2> <p>Forty launching-points for thinking about the problems taking shape as war and peace merge—problems which will be inescapable because new forces are changing ways men live and carry on affairs in organized groups called nations.</p>		 ROTH
 WHITNEY	 LEACOCK		
 COMPTON	 WHITE		
 MAETERLINCK	 EBSKINE	 SHOTWELL	 ROMULO

 STASSEN	 LIE	 HERRIOT	 ANDERSON
 BEVIN	<h2>PEACE DEMANDS ACTION</h2> <p>Comment on issues of pivotal importance as the world shakes down to the grim fact that winning a war did not ensure lasting peace.</p>		 PAUL-BONCOUR
 STEFANSSON	 HOOVER		
 DOUGLAS	 HUTCHINS		
 LIPPMANN	 THAKUR	 JUDD	 MASARYK

1947

# Rotary Peace Centers



Created by Rotary International 1999  
First Class enrolled 2002

Otto and Fran Walter Peace Center to  
be created in MENA by 2024



# Peace

## Through Service

**Sakuji Tanaka**

Rotary International President

2012-13

DATE: 2 | MARCH | 2021

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YouTube  
PREMIERE

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TALKS

“Peacebuilding – It’s In Our DNA!”

**PETER R. KYLE**

DIRECTOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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# Serve to Change Lives



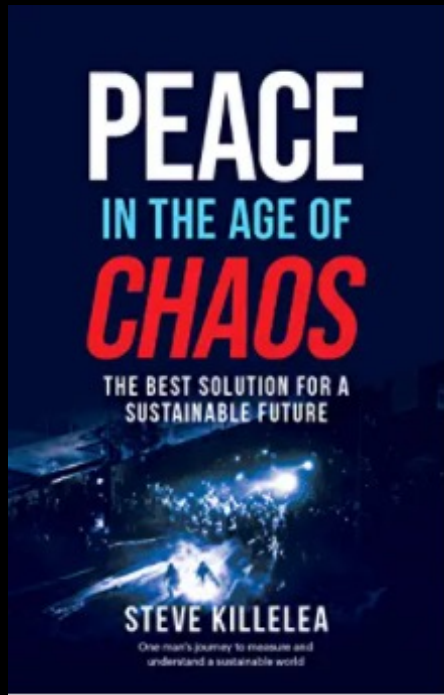
“All area’s of focus lead to peace.”

“ A world without war is not at peace, peace is when every person in the world is experiencing positive peace.”

“Every act of service is an act of peace.”

“Service is the rent we pay for our space on this earth.”

“Keep Serving, Keep Changing Lives.”



We aim to create a paradigm shift in the way the world thinks about peace. We use data driven research to show that peace is a positive, tangible and achievable measure of human well-being and development.

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Rotary pilots new approach to peace and spotlights six peacemakers

EVANSTON, Ill. (September 21, 2017) — [Rotary](#) has entered a new partnership with the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#) (IEP) to enhance its peace and conflict resolution efforts with data-driven methodologies and tools; as it honors six 'Champions of Peace.'

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# Peacebuilding

*(noun)* | /pēs building/

A broad range of measures implemented in the context of emerging, current or post-conflict situations and which are explicitly guided and motivated by a primary commitment to the prevention of violent conflict and the promotion of a lasting and sustainable peace.

*(also seen peace-building, peace building)*

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# NEGATIVE PEACE

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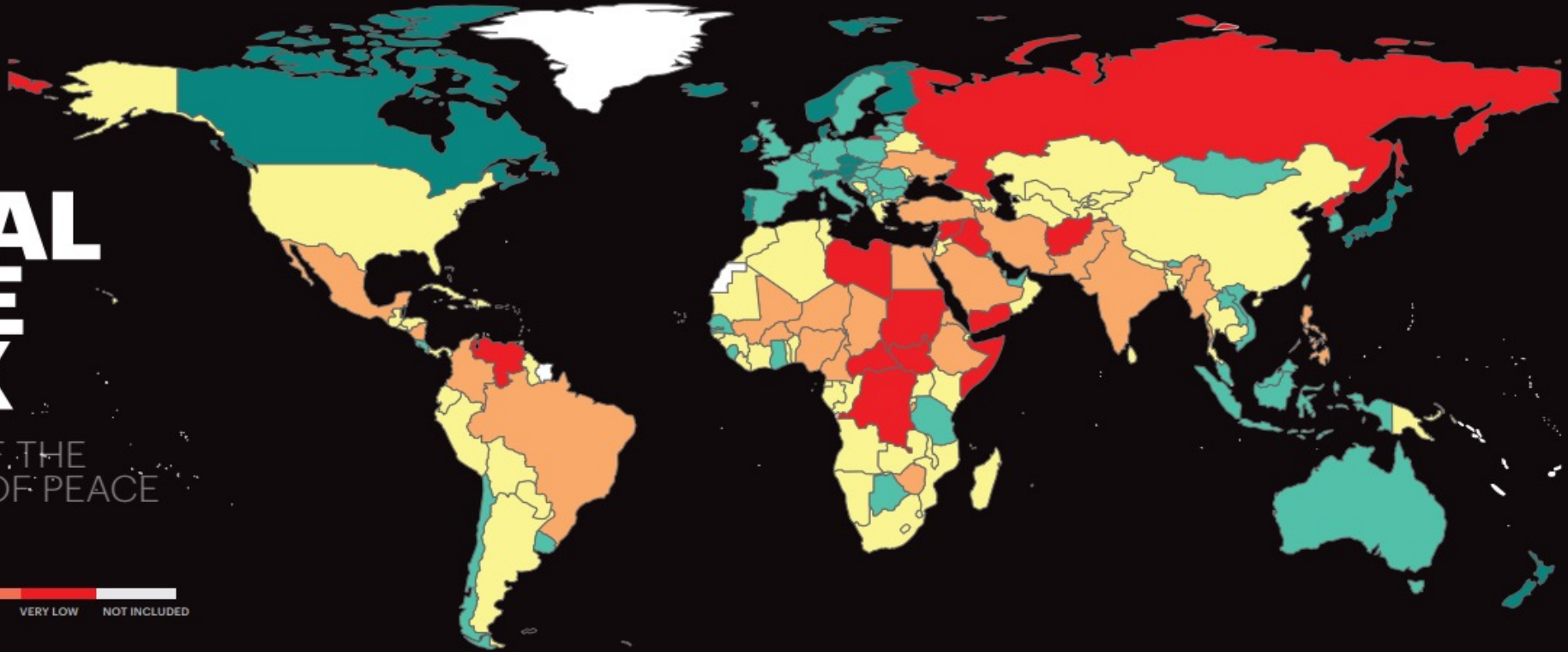
The absence of violence, or fear of violence. It is used as the definition of peace to create the Global Peace Index — the world's leading measure of national peacefulness.

# 2021 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX

A SNAPSHOT OF THE GLOBAL STATE OF PEACE

## THE STATE OF PEACE

VERY HIGH HIGH MEDIUM LOW VERY LOW NOT INCLUDED



## IMPROVEMENTS

**87**

countries were more peaceful in 2021 than 2020

## DETERIORATIONS

**73**

countries were less peaceful in 2021 than in 2020

## OVERALL AVERAGE CHANGE (%)

**+0.07**

The global GPI average deteriorated by 0.07 per cent from 2020 to 2021

- 2021 Rank – 163 countries (14<sup>th</sup> year)
- 23 indicators
- Dark Green (very peaceful); Red (less peaceful)
- Rank #1 (most peaceful) – Iceland
- 2021 USA Rank # 122
- 2021 Canada Rank # 10
- 8 of 10 most peaceful – in Europe
- Rank #163 (least peaceful) – Afghanistan
- Middle East and North Africa is the least peaceful region in the world
- <https://www.economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/GPI-2021-web.pdf>

# POSITIVE PEACE

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Defined as the attitudes, institutions, and structures that, when strengthened, lead to a more peaceful society.

Positive Peace describes an optimum environment for human potential to flourish.

It is not only associated with higher levels of peace, it is also associated with stronger macroeconomic performance, as the factors that sustain highly peaceful societies also provide a framework for robust economic development.



### Sound Business Environment

The strength of economic conditions as well as the formal institutions that support the operation of the private sector. Business competitiveness and economic productivity are both associated with the most peaceful countries.

### Well-functioning Government

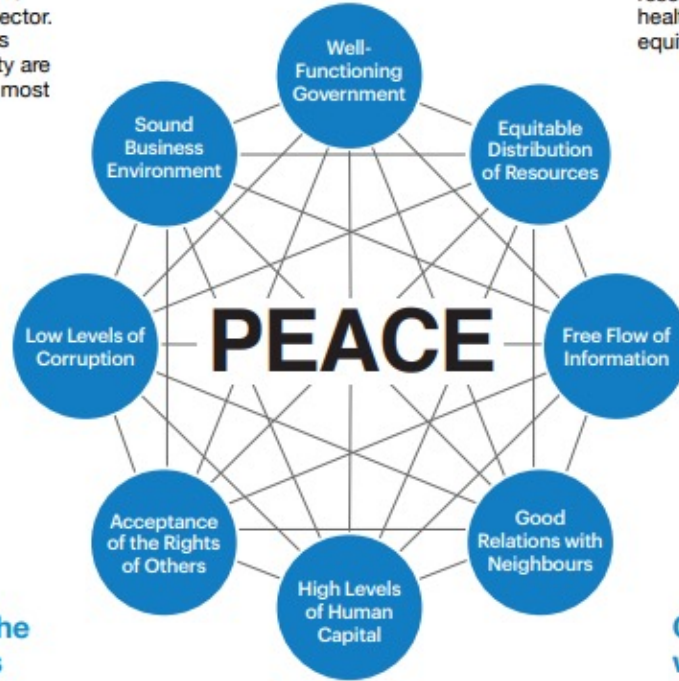
A well-functioning government delivers high-quality public and civil services, engenders trust and participation, demonstrates political stability and upholds the rule of law.

### Equitable Distribution of Resources

Peaceful countries tend to ensure equity in access to resources such as education, health, and to a lesser extent, equity in income distribution.

### Low Levels of Corruption

In societies with high levels of corruption, resources are inefficiently allocated, often leading to a lack of funding for essential services and civil unrest. Low corruption can enhance confidence and trust in institutions.



### Free Flow of Information

Free and independent media disseminates information in a way that leads to greater knowledge and helps individuals, businesses and civil society make better decisions. This leads to better outcomes and more rational responses in times of crisis.

### Acceptance of the Rights of Others

Peaceful countries often have formal laws that guarantee basic human rights and freedoms, and the informal social and cultural norms that relate to behaviours of citizens.

### High Levels of Human Capital

A skilled human capital base reflects the extent to which societies educate citizens and promote the development of knowledge, thereby improving economic productivity, care for the young, political participation and social capital.

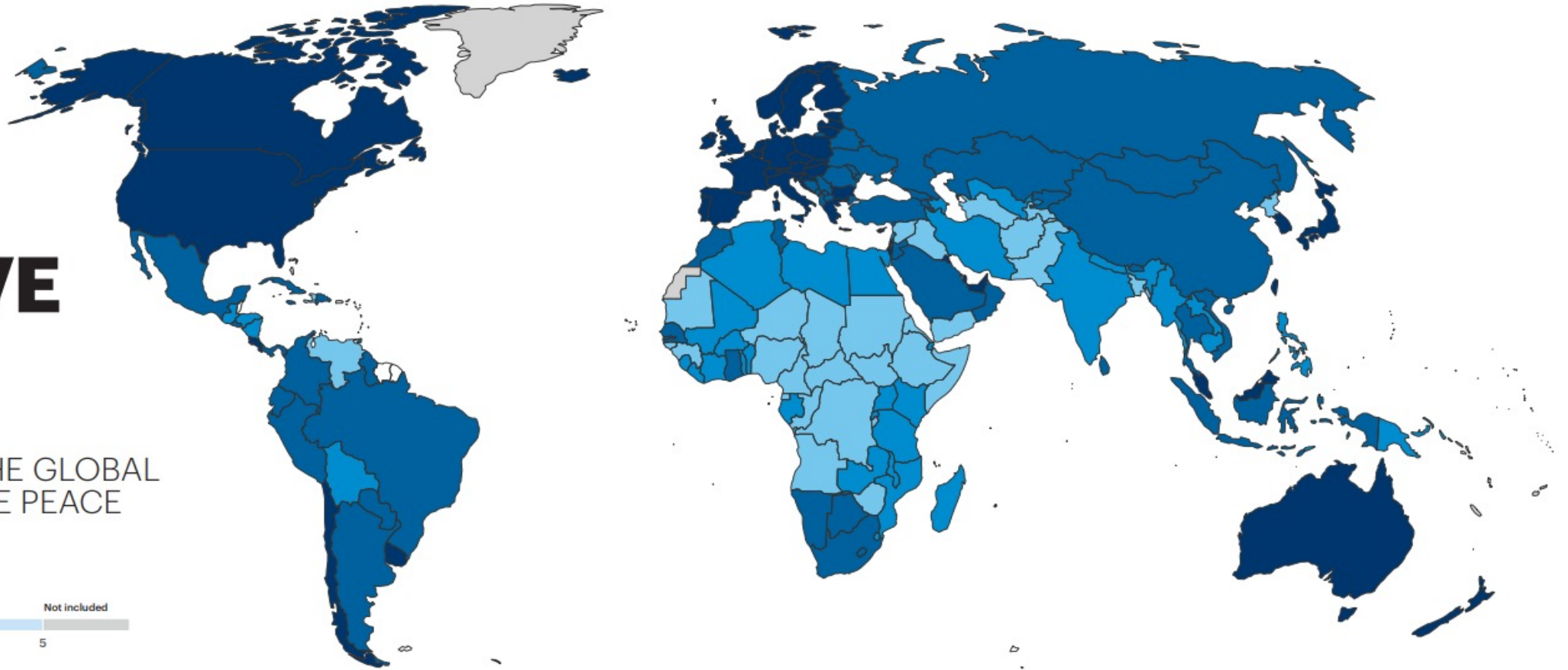
### Good Relations with Neighbours

Peaceful relations with other countries are as important as good relations between groups within a country. Countries with positive external relations are more peaceful and tend to be more politically stable, have better functioning governments, are regionally integrated and have lower levels of organised internal conflict.

# 2020 POSITIVE PEACE INDEX


A SNAPSHOT OF THE GLOBAL  
LEVELS OF POSITIVE PEACE

## THE STATE OF POSITIVE PEACE



- 2020 Rank – 163 countries
- 24 indicators based on the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace
- Dark Blue (very high levels); Light Blue (low levels)
- Rank #1 (highest level of Positive Peace) – Norway
- 2021 USA Rank # 31
- 2021 Canada Rank # 12
- Rank #163 (lowest level) – Afghanistan
- Countries that perform well in Positive Peace are more likely to achieve and sustain high levels of peace.
- <https://www.economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/PPR-2020web.pdf>





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ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP FOR PEACE

Enroll in the Positive Peace Academy

<https://rotarypositivepeace.org/>

Join a Rotary Action Group

- Rotary Action Group for Peace - <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/>
- Rotary Action Group Against Slavery - <https://ragas.online/>
- Rotary Action Group for Family Safety - <https://www.ragfamsafe.org/>
- Rotarians Against Racism - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697904554358272/>

Become a Rotary Peacebuilder Club

<https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-materials/>

Ways to be an Everyday Peacebuilder

<https://my.rotary.org/en/top-10-ways-you-can-be-everyday-peacebuilder>

Institute for Economics and Peace

<https://www.economicsandpeace.org/>

Positive Peace Implementation Guide

<https://www.visionofhumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Positive-Peace-Implementation-Guide.pdf>

How to Become a Rotary Peacebuilder District

<https://my-cmsuat.rotary.org/en/document/invest-peace-become-peacebuilder-district>

Promoting Peace: Rotary's Peacebuilding History Around the World

<https://tinyurl.com/RotaryPeacebuilding>

