

# Citizens Media Against Armed Conflict: A Powerful Tool for Peace

Armed conflict is a major threat to global peace and security. In 2020, there were over 50 armed conflicts taking place around the world, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and the displacement of millions more.



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Traditional media often fails to provide a comprehensive and accurate account of armed conflict. This is because traditional media is often controlled by the warring parties, or by governments that have a vested interest in the conflict. As a result, traditional media often only tells one side of the story, and it often fails to challenge the narratives of the warring parties.

Citizens media is a powerful tool that can be used to challenge the narratives of the warring parties and to provide a more accurate account of armed conflict. Citizens media is produced by ordinary people, and it is

often more independent and objective than traditional media. Citizens media can be used to raise awareness of the conflict, to build bridges between communities, and to hold those responsible for the violence accountable.

### **Raising Awareness of the Conflict**

Citizens media can be used to raise awareness of armed conflict by providing firsthand accounts of the violence. This can help to humanize the conflict and to make it more real for people who are not directly affected by it. Citizens media can also be used to challenge the narratives of the warring parties and to provide a more accurate account of the conflict.

For example, during the Syrian civil war, citizen journalists used social media to document the atrocities committed by both sides of the conflict. This helped to raise awareness of the war and to challenge the narratives of the warring parties. The citizen journalists also helped to hold those responsible for the violence accountable by documenting their crimes.

### **Building Bridges Between Communities**

Citizens media can be used to build bridges between communities that have been divided by armed conflict. This can be done by providing a platform for people from different sides of the conflict to share their stories and to learn from each other. Citizens media can also be used to promote reconciliation and forgiveness.

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## **Holding Those Responsible for the Violence Accountable**

Citizens media can be used to hold those responsible for the violence accountable. This can be done by documenting the crimes that have been committed and by providing evidence of who is responsible. Citizens media can also be used to raise awareness of the crimes and to put pressure on the perpetrators to stop the violence.

For example, during the Darfur conflict, citizen journalists used video cameras to document the atrocities committed by the Sudanese government. This helped to raise awareness of the crimes and to put pressure on the Sudanese government to stop the violence. The citizen journalists also helped to hold those responsible for the violence accountable by providing evidence of their crimes.

Citizens media is a powerful tool that can be used to promote peace in armed conflict. It can be used to raise awareness of the conflict, to challenge the narratives of the warring parties, to build bridges between communities, and to hold those responsible for the violence accountable. Citizens media is a vital tool for peace, and it has the potential to make a real difference in the world.



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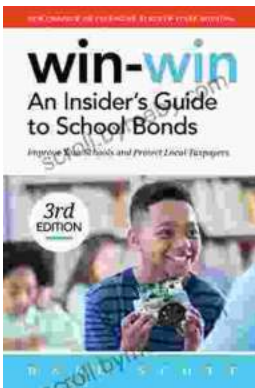
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