

WATER WARS:

HOW CONTROL OF ACCESS CONTRIBUTES TO INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

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Traditional peacebuilding policy implementation has of late not taken into consideration the gravity and extent of contribution of the impact of water resource access has upon conflict-prone regions. This potent strategic resource has played a significant part within contemporary examples of conventional conflict. These examples will only increase in severity and gravity as populations begin to grow and climate becomes more volatile in its ever-changing form.

- Consecutive modern conflicts have had core undertones of water rights and access to clean drinking water as a stipulation of engagement and justification for war aims.
- Conflict risk exponentially rises is certainly the case for regions that are at the forefront of water access and resource scarcity.
- Pertinent examples of analysis will include post-Soviet interstate conflicts within the Central Asian plains and the Crimean Peninsula.
- Additional regional assessment will include Sahel tribal conflicts, the Indian subcontinent and the Egyptian/ Ethiopian dam crisis.
- Water rights and conflict are now an ever-common undertone contributory pairing of contemporary disputes.

