

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2019



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The Global Peace Index

Now in its
13th year

Ranks
163
countries

According to their
relative states of
peace

Using
23
Indicators weighed
on a 1-5 scales

Developed by the
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Guided and
overseen by a
panel of
**International
Experts**



6 measures of ongoing domestic and international conflict

Including: intensity of organized internal conflicts, relations with neighbouring countries and number of deaths from conflict

10 measures of societal safety and security

Including: number of refugees and IDPs, impact of terrorism, homicide and incarceration rates

7 measures of militarisation

Including: military expenditure, number of armed service personnel, ease of access to small weapons



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Key Findings

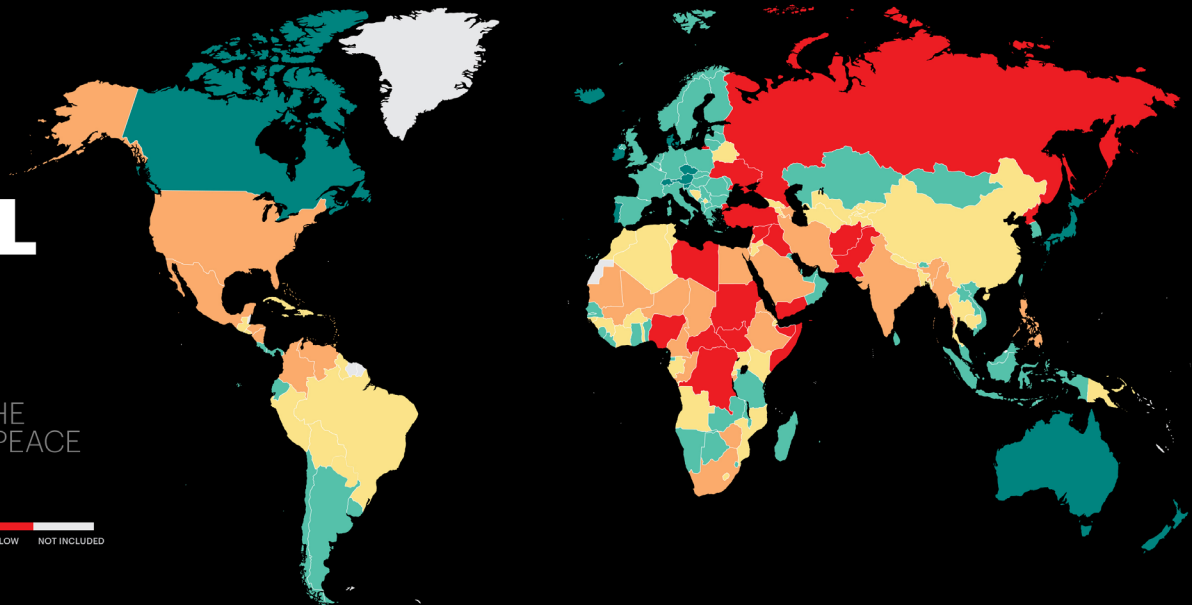


2019 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX

A SNAPSHOT OF THE
GLOBAL STATE OF PEACE

THE STATE OF PEACE

VERY HIGH HIGH MEDIUM LOW VERY LOW NOT INCLUDED



IMPROVEMENTS

86

countries were more peaceful in 2019 than 2018

DETERIORATIONS

76

countries were less peaceful in 2019 than in 2018

OVERALL AVERAGE CHANGE (%)

-0.09

The global GPI average improved 0.09 per cent from 2018 to 2019



2019 highlights

The average level of country
peacefulness has improved by

0.09% ↗

from last year.

**This was the first improvement
in the last five years.**

↗ **86** countries became
more peaceful,

↘ **76** deteriorated.

Deteriorations primarily driven by
changes in:

- Perceptions of Criminality
- Internal and External Conflicts Fought
- Incarceration

Improvements were driven by
changes in:

- Deaths from Internal Conflict
- Military Expenditure



2019 highlights

- Iceland is, again, the most peaceful country in the world
- Ukraine and Sudan had the largest improvement
- Russia and Eurasia had the largest regional improvement
- Europe remains the most peaceful region, **improving for the first time since 2014**, despite ongoing political instability
- Bhutan rises to 15 - largest improvement of any country in top 20 - **risen 43 places in 12 years**



2019 highlights - continued

- Afghanistan is now the world's least peaceful nation, followed by Syria
- Nicaragua and Burkina Faso had the largest deteriorations
- Central America and North America had the largest regional deteriorations
- Iran drops 9 places to **139**
- US drops 4 places to **128** – Homicide, Violent crime, Mlix, Weapons Exports



10 most peaceful countries

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | ICELAND
Rank change: ↔ | 6 | CANADA
Rank change: ↔ |
| 2 | NEW ZEALAND
Rank change: ↔ | 7 | SINGAPORE
Rank change: 2 ↑ |
| 3 | PORTUGAL
Rank change: 2 ↑ | 8 | SLOVENIA
Rank change: 2 ↑ |
| 4 | AUSTRIA
Rank change: 1 ↓ | 9 | JAPAN
Rank change: 1 ↓ |
| 5 | DENMARK
Rank change: 1 ↓ | 10 | CZECH REPUBLIC
Rank change: 3 ↓ |



10 least peaceful countries

163 **AFGHANISTAN**
Rank change: 1 ↓

162 **SYRIA**
Rank change: 1 ↑

161 **SOUTH SUDAN**
Rank change: ↔

160 **YEMEN**
Rank change: 2 ↓

159 **IRAQ**
Rank change: 1 ↑

158 **SOMALIA**
Rank change: 1 ↑

157 **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**
Rank change: 1 ↓

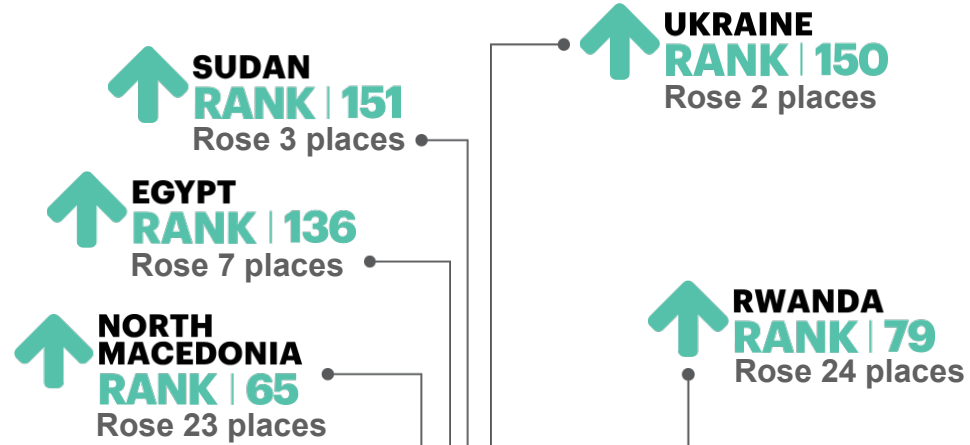
156 **LIBYA**
Rank change: 1 ↑

155 **CONGO, DEM. REP.**
Rank change: ↔

154 **RUSSIA**
Rank change: 1 ↓



5 most improved countries



5 most deteriorated countries

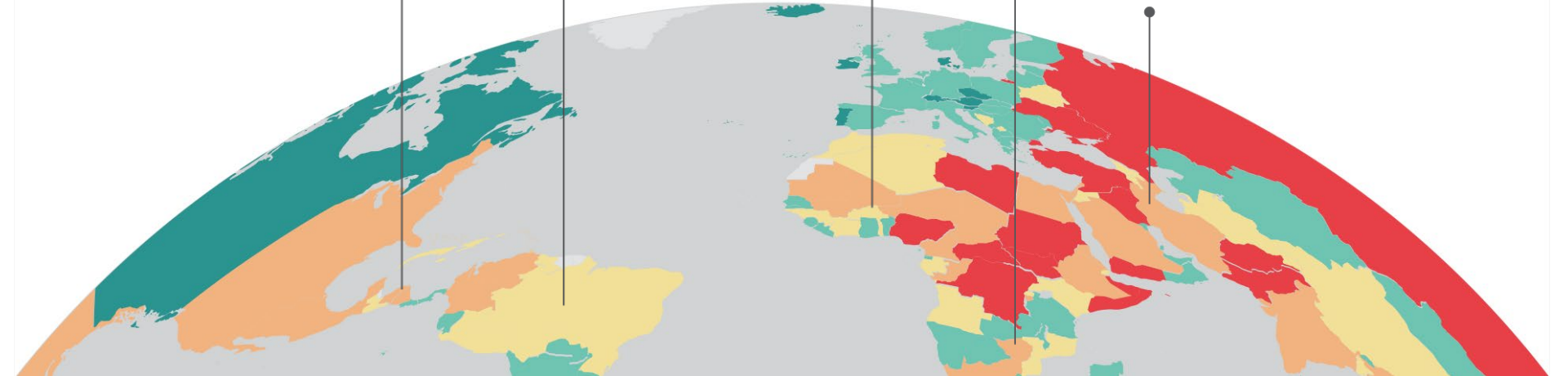
↓ **NICARAGUA**
RANK | 120
Fell 54 places

↓ **BRAZIL**
RANK | 116
Fell 10 places

↓ **BURKINA FASO**
RANK | 104
Fell 26 places

↓ **ZIMBABWE**
RANK | 132
Fell 6 places

↓ **IRAN**
RANK | 139
Fell 9 places



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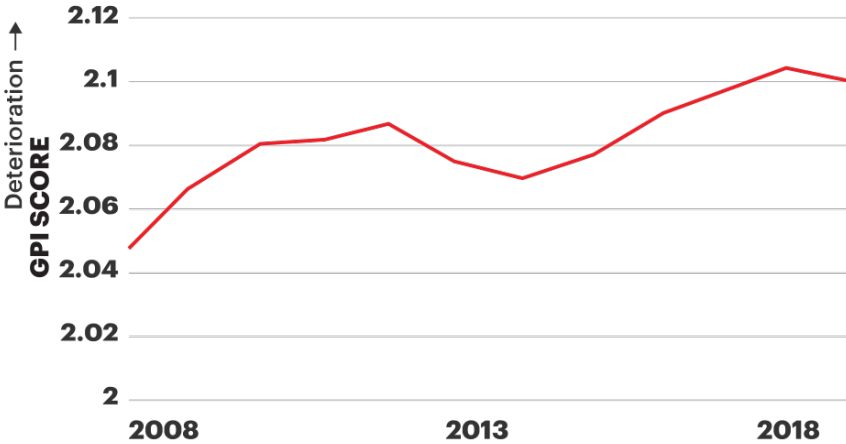
Trends & Peace



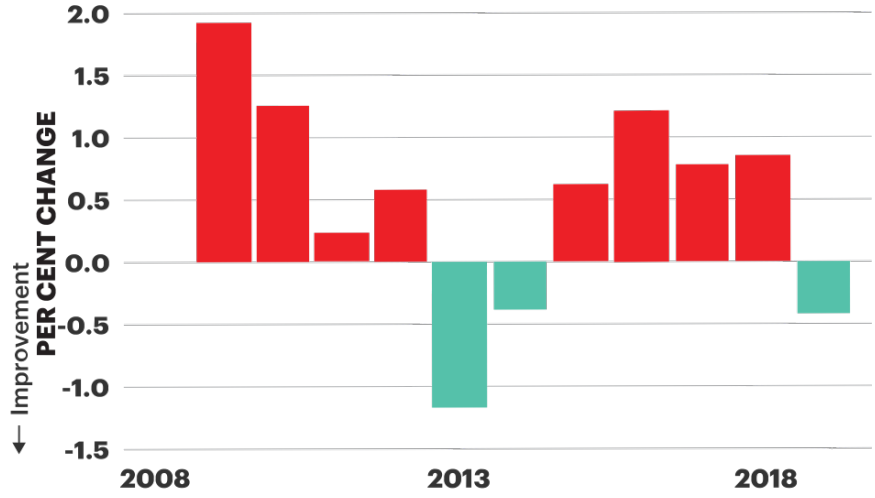
Peace in the last decade

Peacefulness has declined year on year for eight of the last eleven years.

OVERALL SCORE TREND



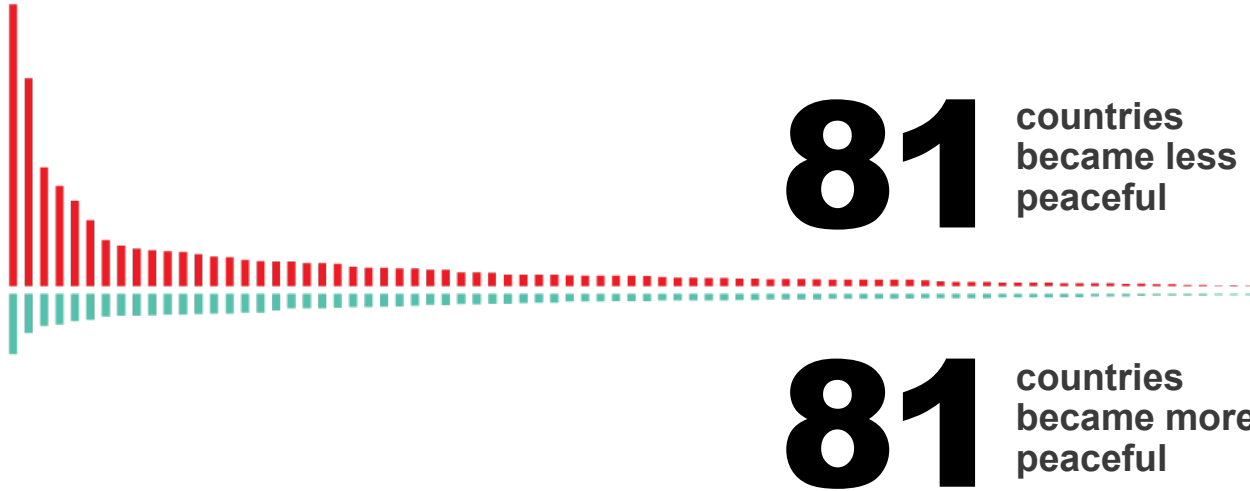
YOY% CHANGE



Source: IEP



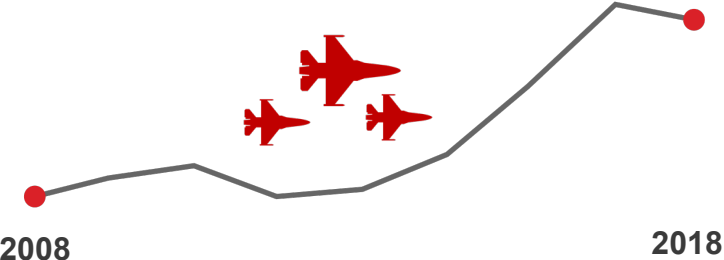
Changes in peace, 2008-2019



Peace declined
3.78%
Over the last
decade



Deteriorations in peace-10 years



60
million
in 2017

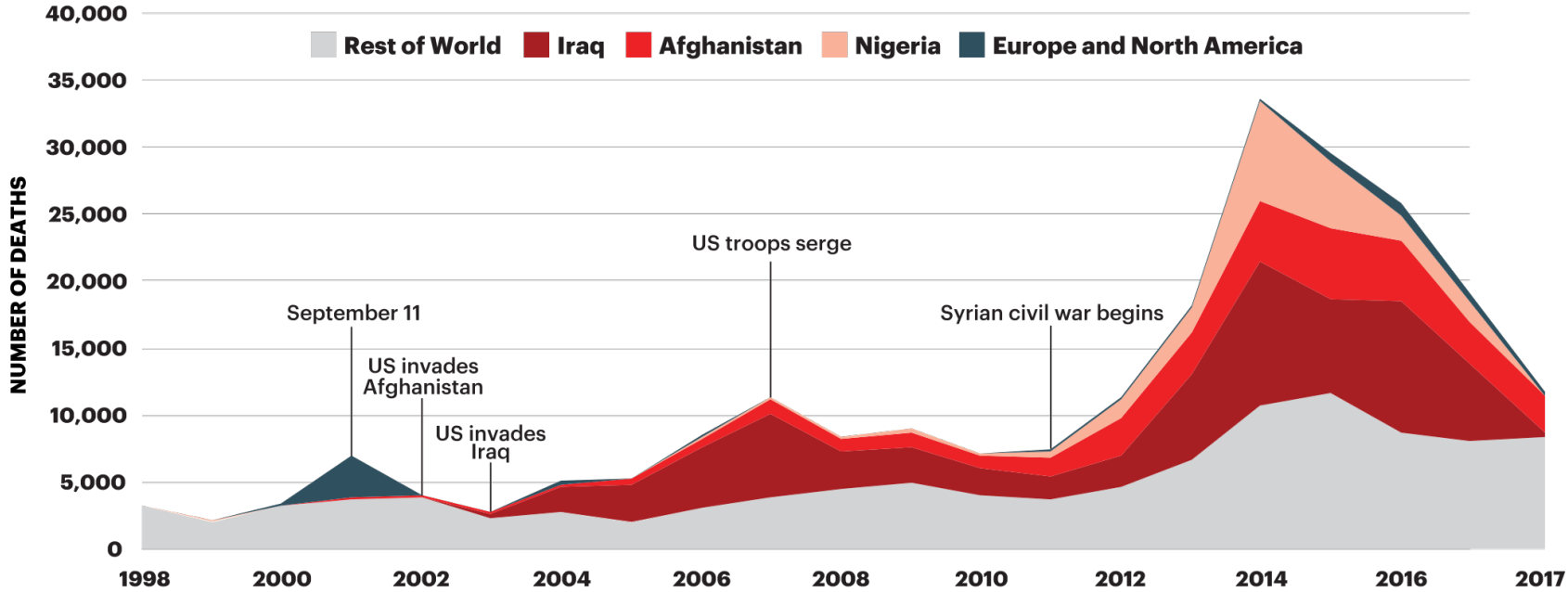
This number of
**DISPLACED
PEOPLE**
has doubled

↗ 251% Increase in battle deaths

↗ 203% Increase in deaths from terrorism



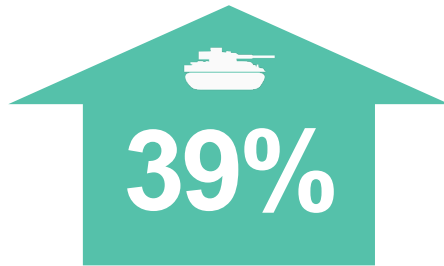
Deaths from terrorism by country, 2018



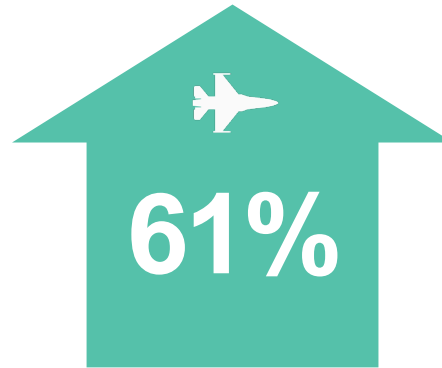
Source: START GTD, IEP Calculations



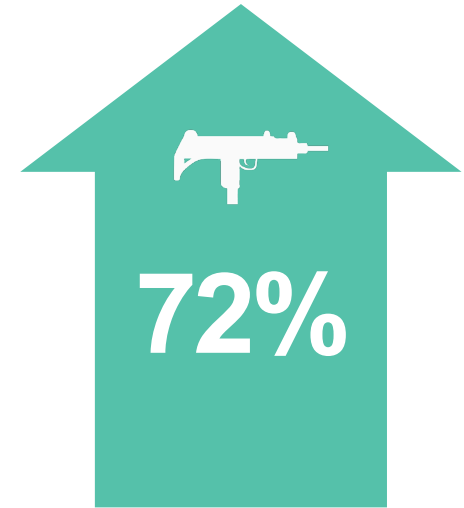
Improvements in peace-10 years



39% more countries improved than deteriorated in political terror



61% of countries reduced military expenditure as a % of GDP

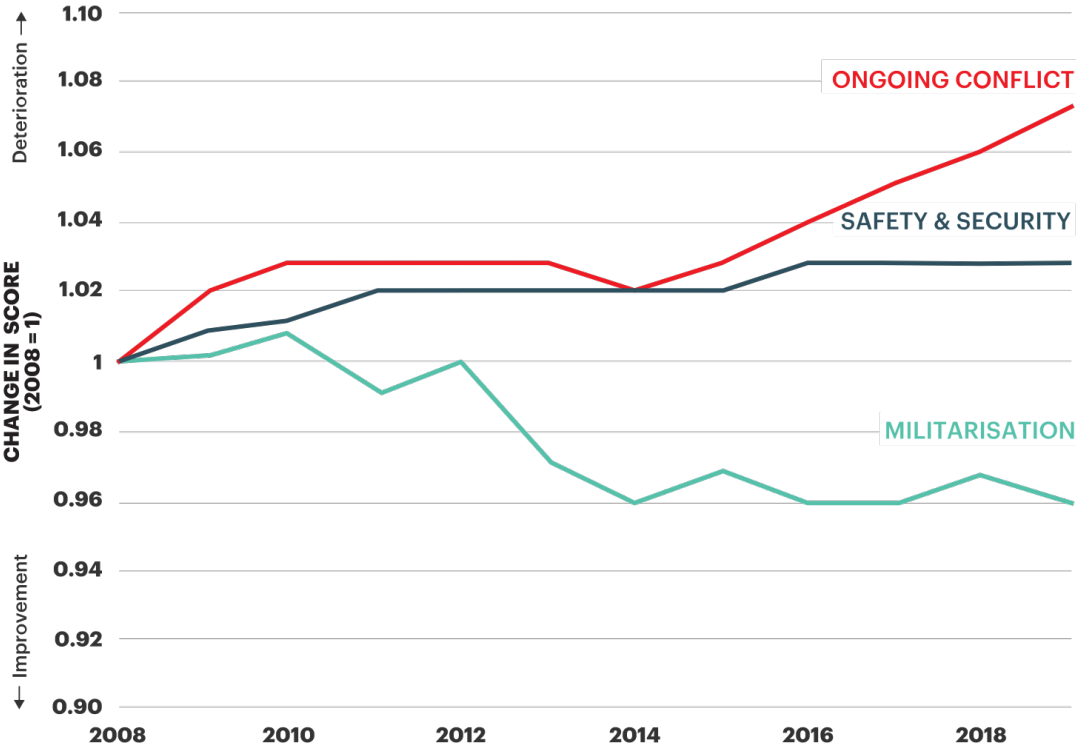


72% of countries had a drop in the homicide rate



Peace in the last decade

Militarisation was the only domain to improve.

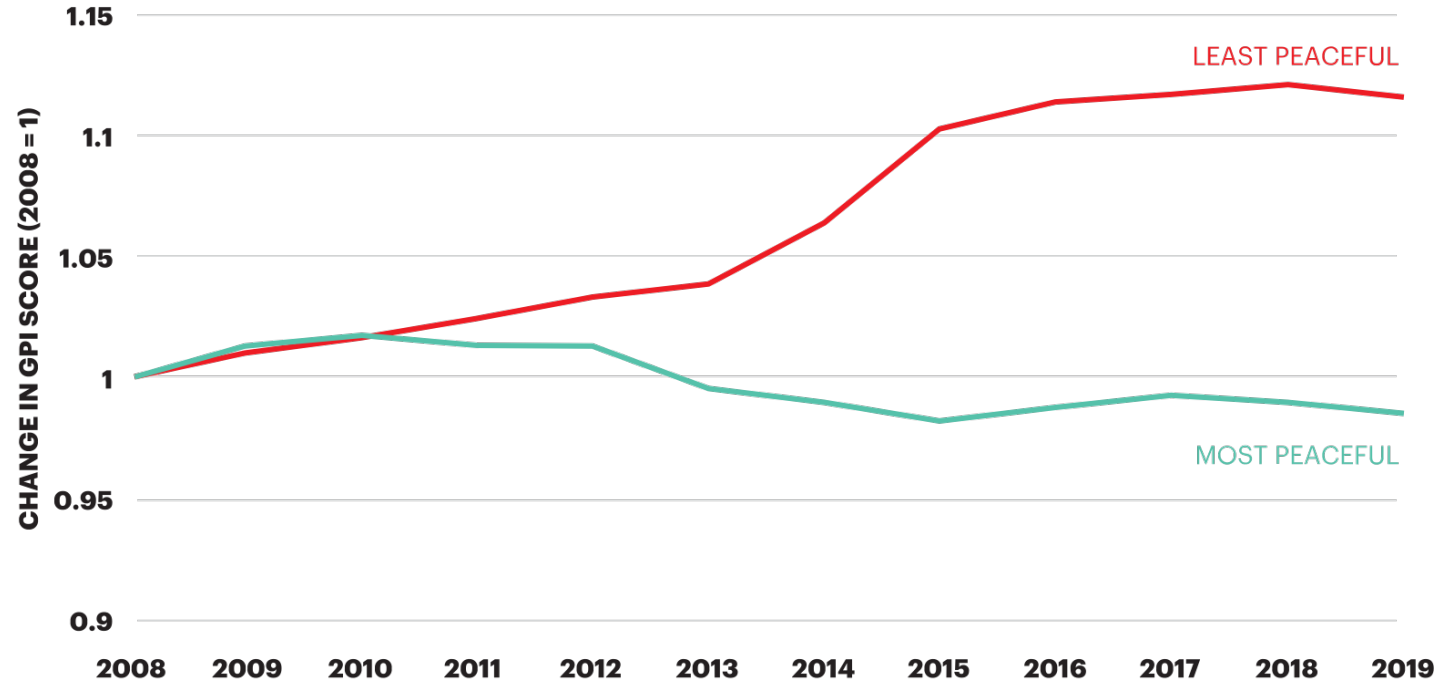


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The stickiness of peace

Gap between the least and most peaceful countries continues to grow.

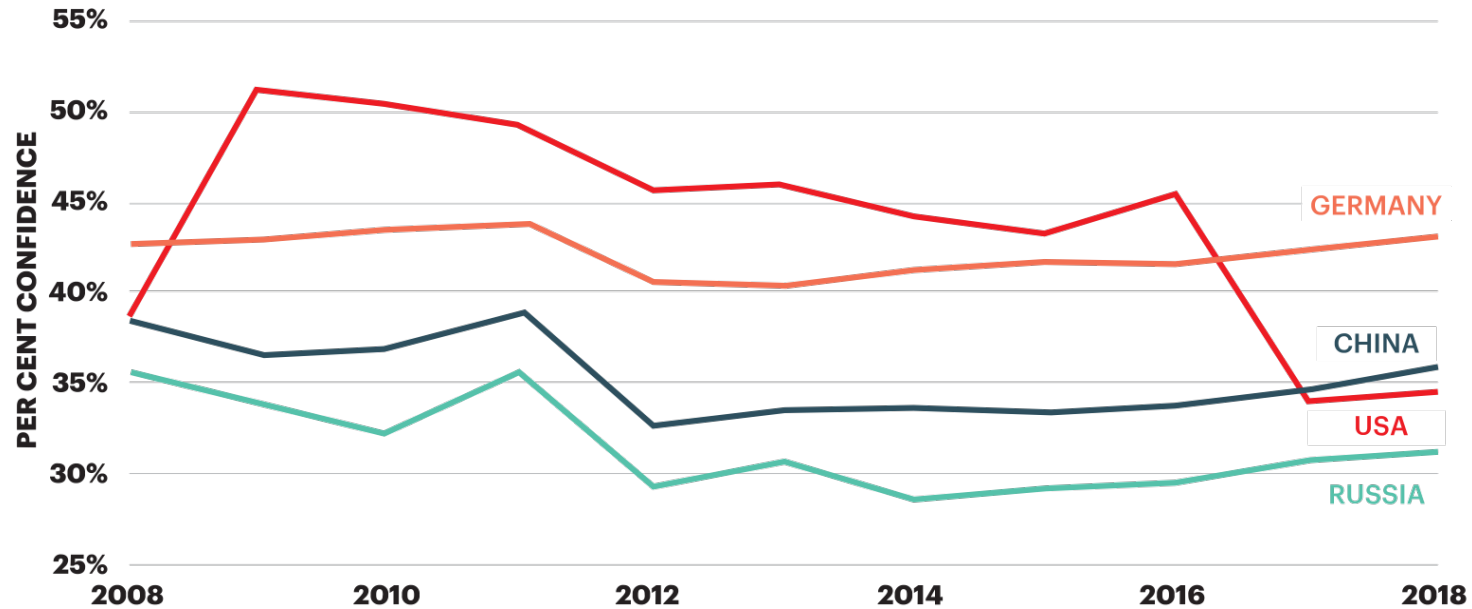


Source: IEP



Perceptions of global leadership in 2018

Approval of Chinese leadership overtook approval of American leadership.



Source: Gallup World Poll



Climate change and peace

- **971 million** people live in areas with high or very high climate change exposure. 400 million reside in countries with low levels of peacefulness.
- Climate change can increase the likelihood of **violent conflict** through its impact on resource availability, livelihood security and migration.
- Countries with **high levels of Positive Peace** are better able to manage climate-induced shocks and tend to have higher environmental performance.



03.

Economic Impact of Violence



The global cost of violence, 2019

Deaths from conflict and terrorism peaked in 2014.



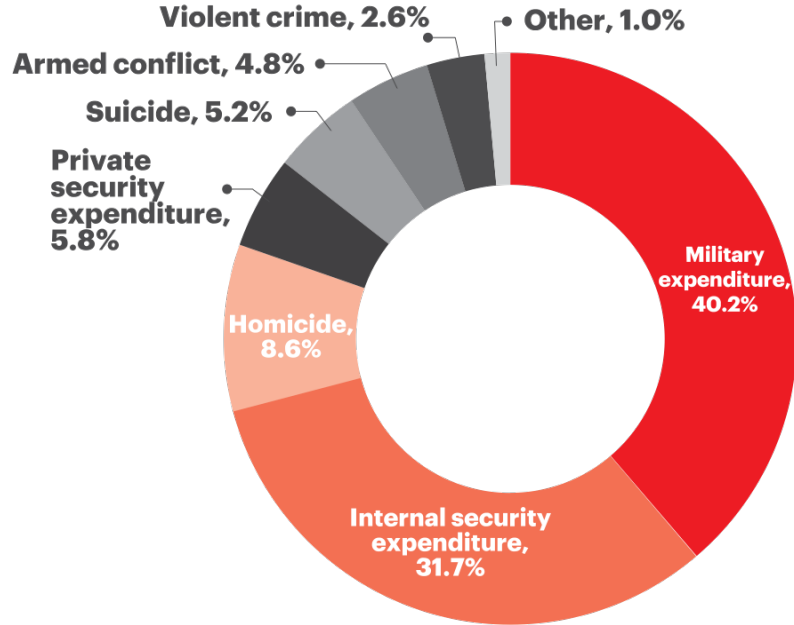
Global economic impact of violence

- The average economic cost of violence was equivalent to **45% of GDP** in the ten countries most impacted by violence, compared to only 2% in the ten least affected.
- In the last 70 years, per capita GDP growth has been three times higher in highly peaceful countries compared to those with low levels of peace
- Peace is positively related to changes six macro economic indicators
- GDP growth, exchange rate, inflation rate, interest rate, FDI and sovereign credit ratings



Breakdown of the economic impact of violence

Military expenditure accounts for over 40% of the total economic impact of violence.



1%

A 1% reduction in the cost of violence is the equivalent to: total global Official Development Assistance in 2017

10%

A 10% reduction in the cost of violence is the equivalent to: The global total Foreign Direct Investment in 2018

The size the combined economies of Switzerland, Ireland and Denmark

Source: IEP



03.

Positive Peace



Defining and measuring peace

The perfect state would have no police, jails or crime.

Actual Peace

Measures:

- Crime
- Suppression
- Military
- Armed Conflict



GPI



Positive Peace

Derived through statistical analysis of datasets, indices and attitudes with the GPI



Positive Peace Index



Positive Peace

Positive Peace creates the optimum environment for human potential to flourish.



High levels of Positive Peace are associated with:

- Higher per capita income
- Resilience
- Better environmental outcomes
- Higher GDP growth per annum
- Better performance on MDGs



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