

5th Commandment



Under the **Just War theory**, war is moral only if...

1. There is a just cause. You are correcting a grave evil.
2. The war must be INTENDED for that just cause.
3. The war's good must far outweigh the suffering it causes. Civilian deaths must be avoided at all costs.
4. It must be waged by the legitimate public authority.
5. There must be a likelihood of success.
6. It must be the last resort.

Fancy words for all that...



- Just cause
- Comparative justice
- Legitimate authority
- Right intention
- Probability of success
- Proportionality
- Last resort

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Conscientious Objector

A soldier who refuses to kill because he decides killing is immoral or that the war his nation is fighting is immoral.

The Catholic Church supports the right of any soldier who chooses this path.