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# If I were the leader of the World

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The world, though it may seem great and amazing right now, can be mended in a few places. With the war in Ukraine, the war in Gaza, to the rising tensions between old enemies US and Russia. The world is becoming a little too violent, and someone needs to step up and calm it down. Technically, the world already has a central leadership, the UN. However, even the UN isn't able to calm situations down, because they are split by a single idea: government. Each country within the UN, whether it be the US, Russia, Iraq, Ukraine, etc, all have different beliefs, ideologies, and ways of governing their people. This political difference has caused a number of conflicts to rise up and devastate the world, while the UN continues to not raise a finger in quelling these conflicts. If I were the leader of the UN, and the world, I would treat everybody with kindness, eradicate many world issues and threats, and establish a new central leadership that includes all countries.

Treating people with kindness is seriously lacking in today's society. Racial differences, religious differences, even socioeconomic differences are tearing our world apart. People around the world are in serious need of resources and help, while nobody takes any action. Take the Israel-Hamas conflict, for example. Many people have died in the conflict. Not just soldiers, civilians too. This is the brutal reality of war, one that has been happening for ages. Even in

instances where civilians were the target, like the Rwandan genocide, in which upwards of a million were killed. The Rwandan genocide happened not that long ago, with the last of it concluding in 2012, just 13 years back. This conflict was caused because of the racial difference between the Tutsi, Hutu, and Twa people. After their Belgian colonizers had left, the Hutu people seized control, which led to violence until Tutsi revolutionaries seized control of the country in 1994. As all of this was happening, one might ask where the UN was in all of this. However, the answer to that is rather shocking. UN soldiers, peacekeepers, and even officials were told to not acknowledge the conflict at all. In fact, though there were UN soldiers, they were only there to pull out *their* citizens, not help the native citizens or anyone else in distress. Things would be different if I was the leader of the UN. If I was the UN leader, I would take action immediately, rather than stand by and do nothing, which is exactly what the UN did in the case of the Rwandan genocide. I would immediately get in touch with revolutionaries and leaders in those areas to see if I can perhaps mitigate the conflict, rather than let it unravel. I would not try to divide them based on class status or religion. Instead, I would help them find a bloodless alternative that allows them to exist in harmony, rather than one faction taking control of the country and having to constantly contest with other rival factions. In this way, conflicts can be averted, and nobody would die unnecessarily.

The threat of war looms all around us in this world. Ever since the end of WWII and the beginning of the cold war, the United States and Russia have not been on good terms with each other. This consistent enmity has caused the deaths of millions of people thanks to “proxy wars”, wars that were fought by two separate countries, but had superpower intervention. These wars, like the Korean War, Vietnamese War, or any other war in history, caused millions of deaths and

tons of destruction. If I was the leader of the world, I wouldn't let this happen. The US is pretty interventionist on world affairs, which makes sense, given its international status. However, the US has made itself a pretty bad reputation as being nosy and annoying. If I was leader, then I wouldn't immediately call in military action to be made. I would first try to mediate the situation. If things got out of hand, then I would call in the UN to try and mitigate the situation. Both the US and Russia are the most powerful nations in the world, so instead of being bitter enemies, they should be friends and allies. That way, people wouldn't die due to the enmity between the two superpowers. If I was the leader of the world, then I would make sure that the US and Russia have a positive relationship with each other. Then, more and more countries allied with Russia, like China and North Korea, will come to respect the US and her allies. In turn, more and more countries allied with the US will come to respect Russia and her allies, thus effectively establishing world peace.

There are many countries in the world that are in need of financial support and help. Many African countries are in need of help due to internal struggles, international conflicts, or natural disasters. If we could somehow get food and supplies to these countries, their problems could become resolved. For example, back in 1948, when Europe was in complete shambles due to WWII, the US sent 13.5 billion dollars to Europe for its economic recovery. If the US did that back in 1948, why can't they do it now? However, there is one problem. Africa is a huge continent, filled with many countries and cultures. Who will procure that much money? The answer for this problem is simple: join together. If people set aside their differences and banded together against a common enemy, wars would instantly stop. People would stop yearslong hatred and rivalry until the predicament is over. World Hunger is a huge predicament, which

inflicts strife and calamity on every country it happens in. If we could somehow come together, no matter what race, gender, or ethnicity we're from, we could instantly end wars. Not just world hunger. Our planet Earth is dying. Oceans levels are increasing. Countries like the Maldives, which are a set of islands that are extremely close to the sea line, are sinking. If we came together to try and figure out a solution to a problem that affects all of us, then many problems that affect the world already will go away. If I were the leader of the world, I would make sure that these problems came first. Border and land disputes would become nullified if there was no more land to dispute over.

People in this world need to understand the bigger picture. It's not about land claims or petty disagreements. The planet is suffering because of humanity. People are suffering because of humanity. If I were the leader of the world, I would treat people with kindness, eradicate leading world issues, and get funding and financial aid to countries that need it. These problems are bigger than the conflicts happening right now. People are dying over something that has absolutely nothing to do with them. If I were leader of the world, none of these things would happen, because I would bring people together.