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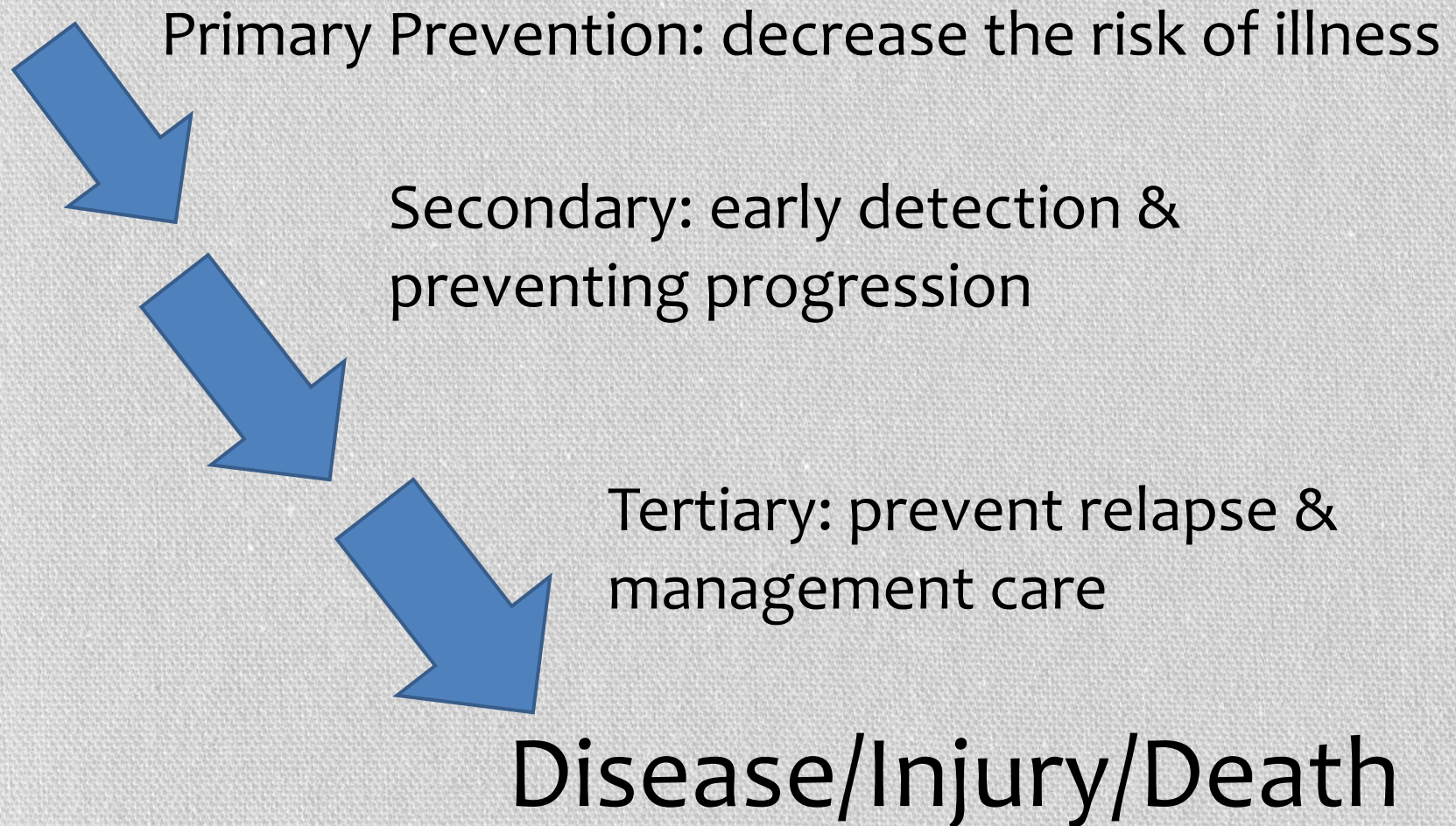


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Prevention Spectrum



Prevention Spectrum & War

- **Secondary Prevention**

- Measuring injury, disease, mortality
- Treating victims in a war zone

- Observers of human rights
- Conflict resolution

- **Tertiary Prevention**

- Treatment of physical and psychological trauma
- Rebuilding infrastructure
- Reconciliation



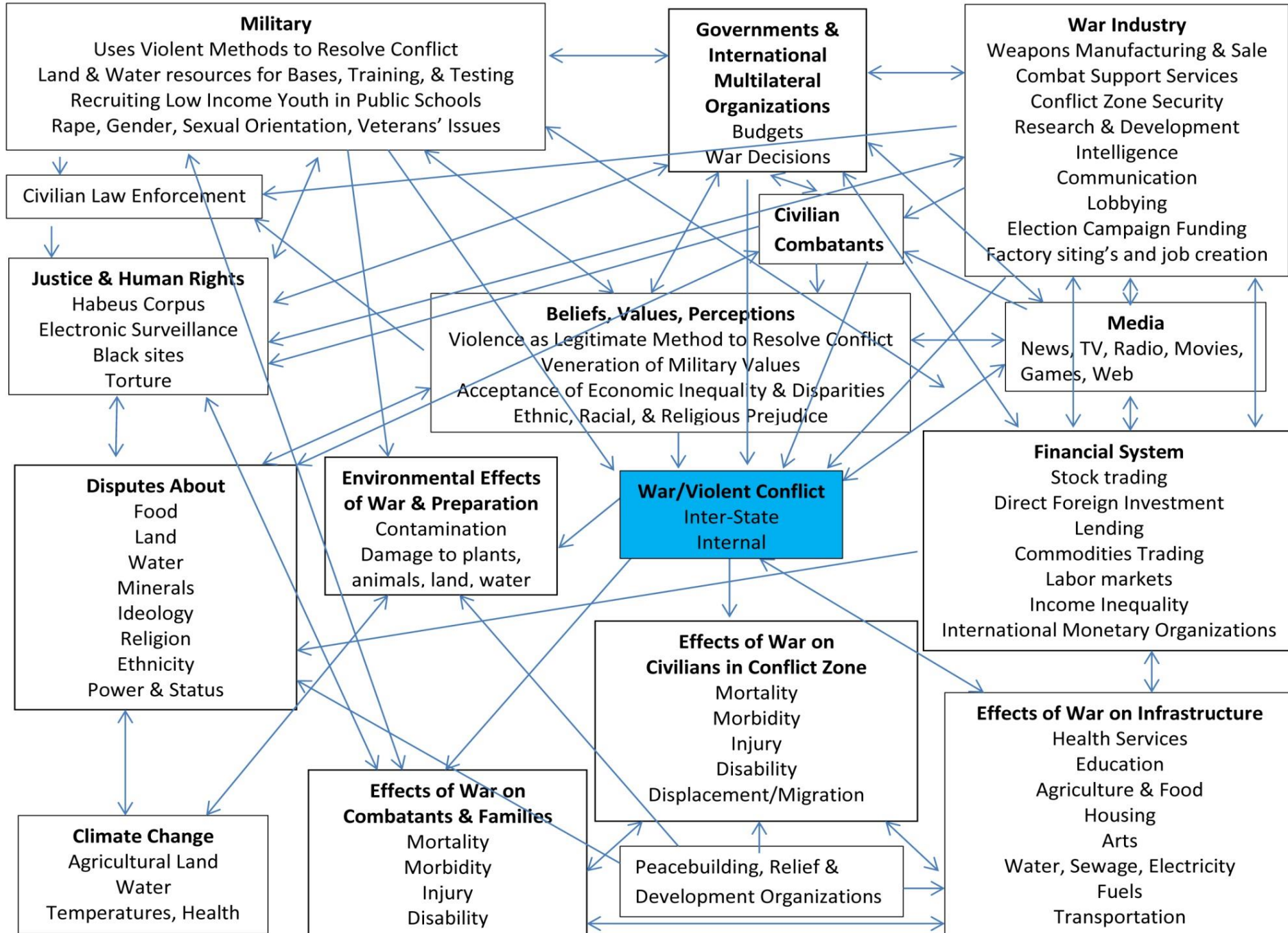
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

“The role of physicians and other health professionals in the **preservation and promotion of peace** is the **most significant** factor for the attainment of **health for all**”

Public Health Code of Ethics

“Public health should address **principally** the **fundamental causes** of disease and **requirements** for health, aiming to **prevent** adverse health outcomes.”

Emphasis added



Scenario Choice Pairs

- Is one of the actions more compassionate?
- Which action is preventive?



Bringing factions together during war to coordinate health programs



Teaching Peaceful
Conflict Resolution



Stop military recruitment
of youth in schools



Providing Health Services for War Refugees



Providing Health Services
for Veterans & Their Families



Reform Laws on Corporate
Election Campaign Contributions
and Lobbying



Peaceful Conflict Resolution



Rebuilding Health Services Infrastructure



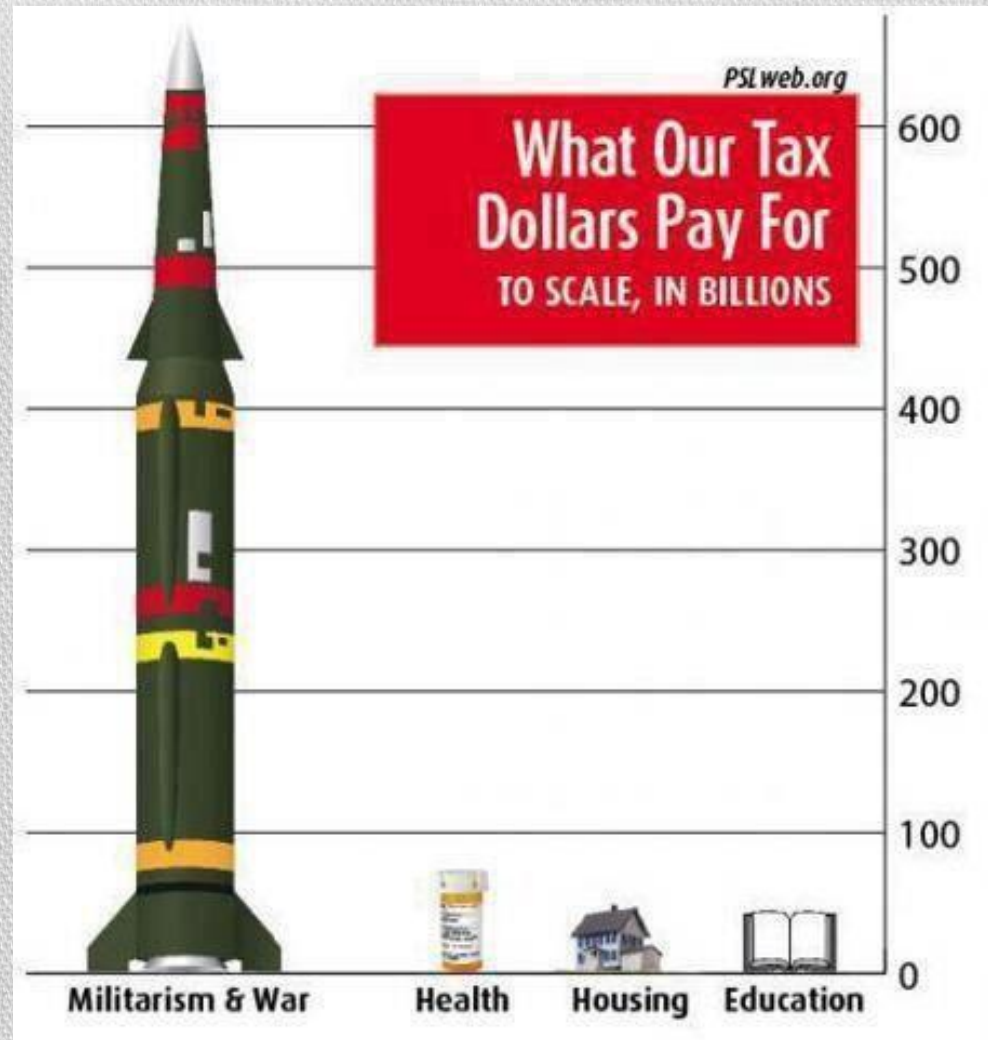
Eliminate Nuclear Weapons



Assessing & Ameliorating War's Environmental Effects



Treating Victims of War



Reallocating the
Military Budget

American Public Health Association Policies

- 1969-2014:
 - 34 policies opposing specific wars, specific weapons, recruitment in schools, and the effects of militarism.
- 1985 Militarism
 - Recommended curriculum & education methods
- 2009 PH Role in Prevention of War
 - Recommended training to address structural causes

World Federation of Public Health Associations

- 2011 Resolution
- Public health professionals become **advocates** for:
 - Initiatives to **address structural causes** of war
 - Ratification of treaties and protocols
 - Legislation related to arms trade

Proposed Public Health Curriculum for the Prevention of War

4 domains

Militarism

International Peace Work

Peace Advocacy

Peace Research

60 competencies

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Example Competencies

- **Militarism**

- Define militarism and discuss its manifestations in society

- **International Peace Work**

- List international treaties, conventions, and laws designed to reduce war, and to protect civilians, human rights, and social justice

- **Peace Advocacy**

- Discuss situations when civil disobedience has been used in the prevention of war, when it might be appropriate, its risks and potential benefits, and what advance planning is required.

- **Peace Research**

- Identify existing data sources and methods of primary data collection to conduct research on the relationship between militarism and health.

Additional Resources

- See Appendix A.
 - Wiist, et al. *AJPH*, 104(6) e34-e47.
- Public Health and Social Justice: War and Peace
- <http://phsj.org/war-and-peace/>
- Faculty resources for teaching war and public health
<https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/hagopian/45591/>

**This is the field where the battle did not happen,
where the unknown soldier did not die**

Where no monument stands

**No people killed—or were killed---on this ground
Hallowed by neglect and an air so tame
That people celebrate it by forgetting its name.**

- Selection from
- **At the Un-National Monument Along the Canadian Border**
- by
- **William Stafford**
- Poet Laureate
- World War II Conscientious Objector

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