

# GLOBAL PEACE INDEX

2015



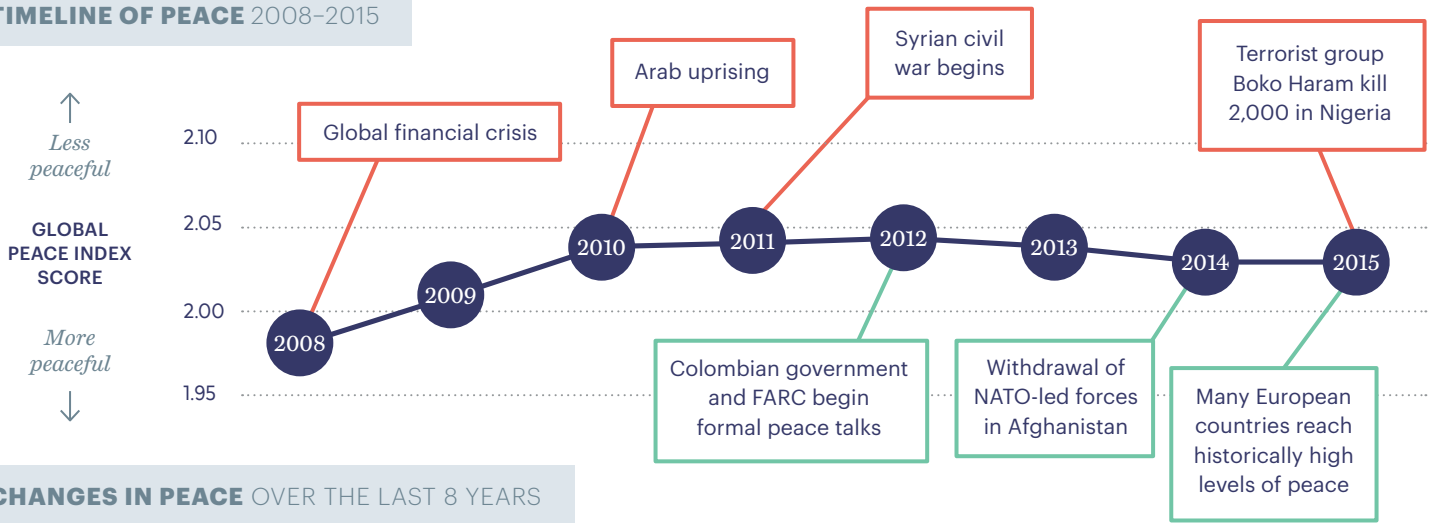
HIGHLIGHTS

**MEASURING PEACE, ITS CAUSES  
AND ITS ECONOMIC VALUE**

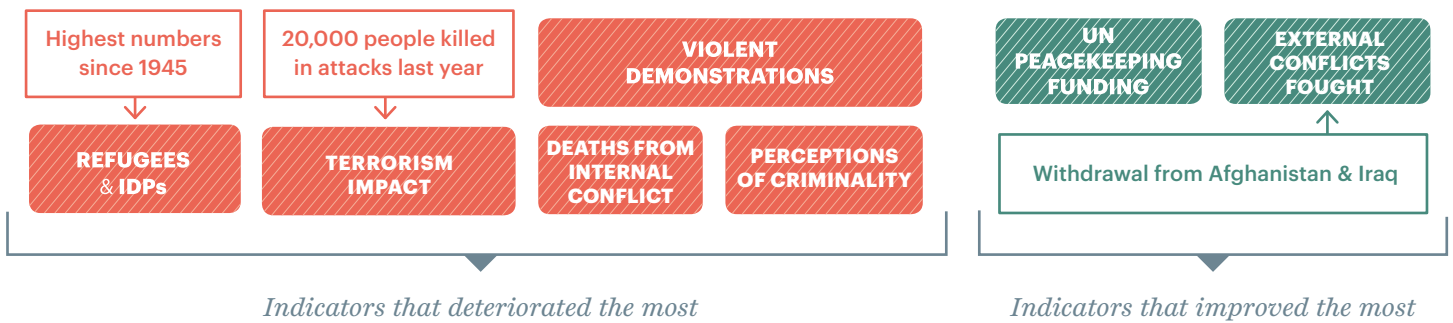
# 2015 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX REVEALS AN INCREASINGLY DIVIDED WORLD

The world's most peaceful countries are enjoying increased levels of peace and prosperity, while the least peaceful countries are spiralling into violence and conflict.

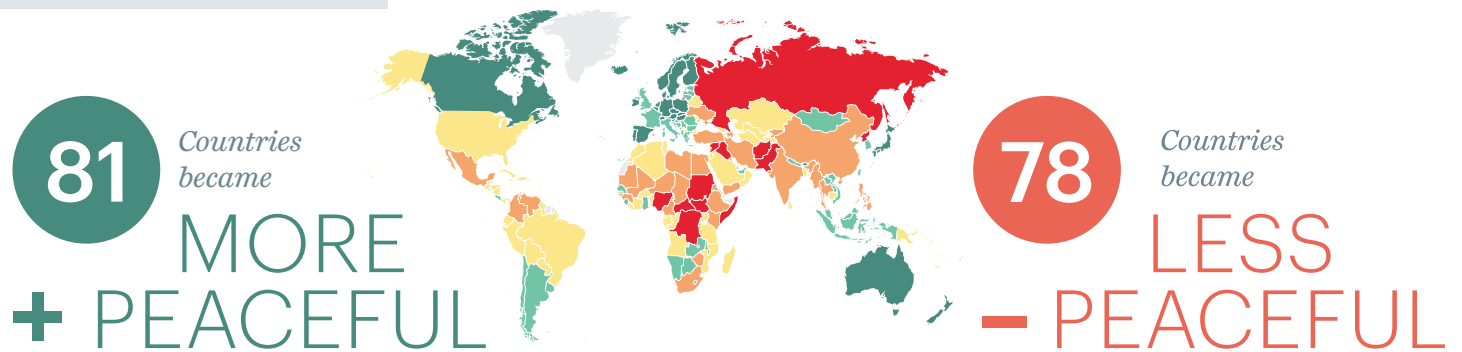
## TIMELINE OF PEACE 2008-2015



## CHANGES IN PEACE OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS



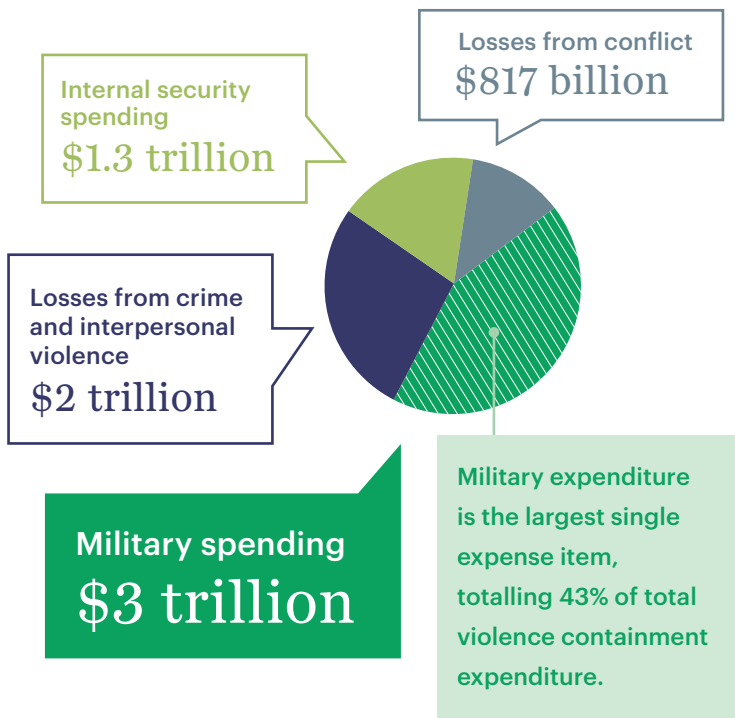
## PEACE DIVIDED, SINCE 2014:



Many European nations are now experiencing historic levels of peace, with homicide rates falling, military budgets decreasing and the withdrawal of forces from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Less peaceful countries such as Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, South Sudan and CAR have all become increasingly more violent.

## ECONOMIC COST OF VIOLENCE



The impact of violence on the global economy reached US\$14.3 trillion in the last year, equivalent to the combined economies of Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and the UK.

**VIOLENCE COSTS 13.4% OF WORLD GDP**



## HOW CAN WE REDUCE VIOLENCE AND BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL FUTURE?



IF THE WORLD DECREASED SPENDING ON VIOLENCE BY

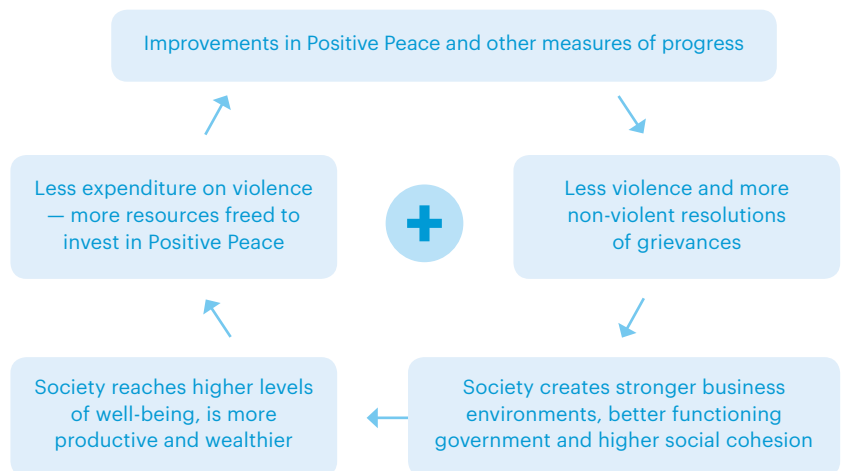
**10%**

IT WOULD GENERATE

**\$1.43 trillion**

...which could be invested in industries that are not only more economically productive, but that also underpin and sustain peace.

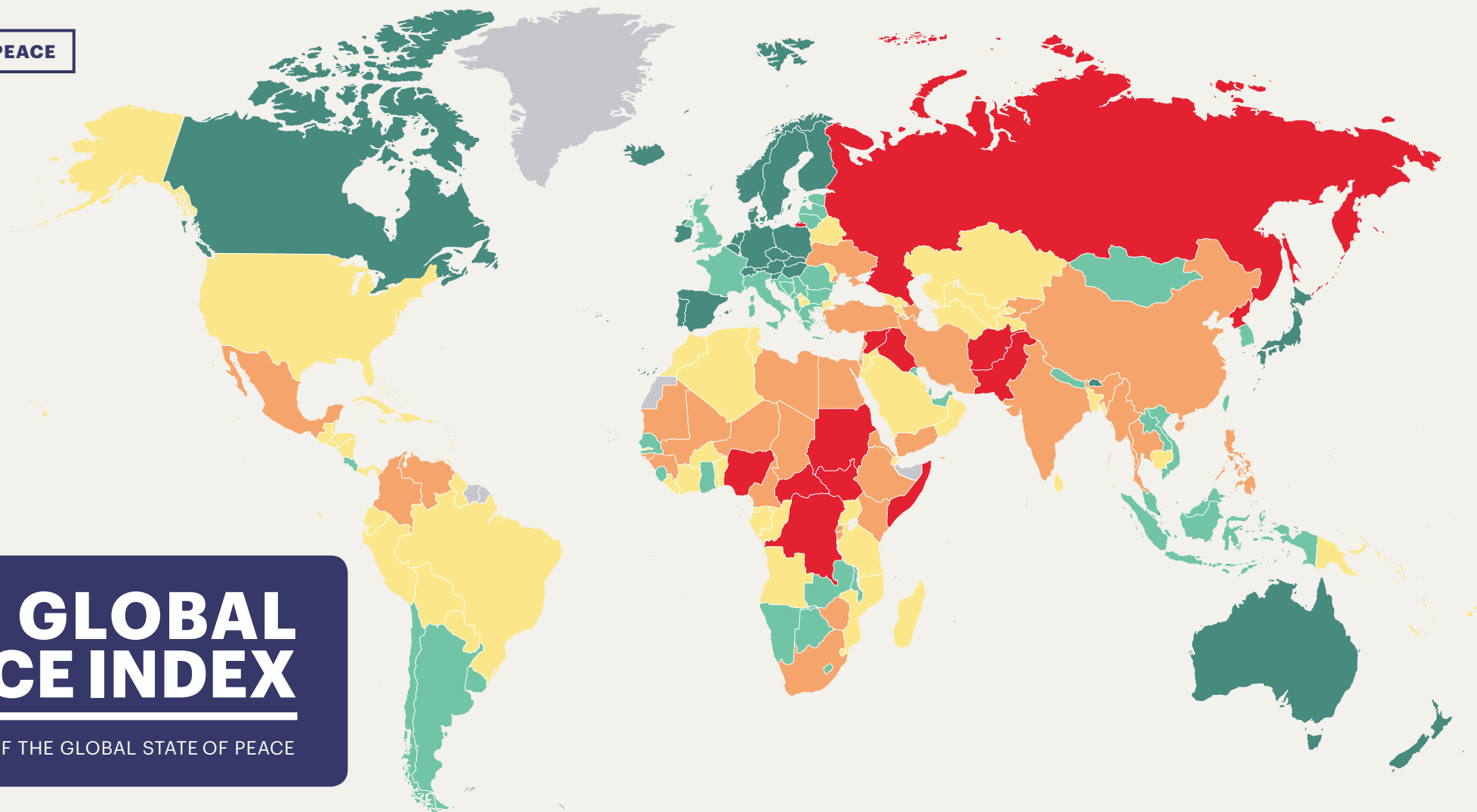
## THE VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF POSITIVE PEACE



## POSITIVE PEACE FACTORS



## THE STATE OF PEACE



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A SNAPSHOT OF THE GLOBAL STATE OF PEACE

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**EXPLORE THE RANKINGS AND THE DATA ON THE INTERACTIVE GLOBAL PEACE INDEX MAP**

Click on a country to see how it fares, click on two or more countries to compare states of peace or select an indicator to see how the world fares according to that particular element of peace.



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The Global Peace Index, produced by the Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP), ranks 162 countries covering 99.6% of the world's population. The Index gauges global peace using three themes: the level of safety and security in society, the extent of domestic or international conflict, and the degree of militarisation. It ranks countries according to 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators of peace.

IEP is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank dedicated to shifting the world's focus to peace as a positive, achievable and tangible measure of human wellbeing and progress.

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