

The generation that decided war wasn't worth it - Sarah Paine

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SUMMARY

The discussion highlights the legacy of the "Greatest Generation," who, shaped by their experiences in World War I and the Great Depression, prioritized global institution building to prevent future conflicts. Their efforts led to the establishment of key international organizations that aimed to resolve disputes through diplomacy rather than warfare, a philosophy that has been challenged in recent times.

- *The "Greatest Generation" faced the horrors of World War I and the challenges of the Great Depression.*
- *They recognized the need for global institutions to prevent future wars and economic crises.*
- *Key institutions created include the UN, IMF, NATO, and predecessors of the World Trade Organization.*
- *The philosophy emphasized resolving differences through diplomacy and legal means rather than military action.*
- *The lasting impact of these institutions has been threatened by recent geopolitical tensions, particularly with Russia.*
- *The belief is that military engagements yield inferior results compared to diplomatic solutions.*

And here's the ultimate insurance policy that was created by the greatest generation, which are the conscripts of World War I. The people who were told to go up and over trenches and to see how that would go. And the ones who survived >> >> came back and tried to raise their families during the Great Depression. And then by the time they were the age to be strategic leaders, they're off sending their own kids to fight World War II. And they concluded that the solution to Great Depressions and World Wars was institution building on a global scale. And they built institutions that have lasted to the present and held the peace until Vladimir Putin decided to work his magic. But they create the UN, the IMF, NATO, the predecessor institutions of the World Trade Organization. And their idea is we must hash out our differences with diplomats and lawyers. Cuz when you send the soldiers in, whatever gains you think you're going to get are going to be inferior to what you would have done with the diplomats. It's it's too ruinous fighting each other.