Whole of Society Peacebuilding: Redefining Peace and Security through Inclusive Collaboration

Peacebuilding is traditionally viewed as a responsibility of governments and international organizations. However, in recent years, there has been a growing recognition that peace cannot be achieved and sustained without the active involvement of all sectors of society.



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Whole of Society Peacebuilding (WoSP) is an innovative approach to peace and security that emphasizes the involvement of all sectors of society, including governments, civil society organizations, the private sector, and individuals.

The Principles of WoSP

WoSP is based on the following principles:

- Inclusivity: WoSP involves all sectors of society, regardless of their background or beliefs.
- Collaboration: WoSP emphasizes collaboration and partnership between different sectors of society.
- Ownership: WoSP recognizes that peacebuilding is a local process that must be owned by the people who are affected by conflict.
- Sustainability: WoSP aims to build lasting peace that can withstand future challenges.

The Benefits of WoSP

WoSP offers a number of benefits over traditional approaches to peacebuilding, including:

- Increased legitimacy: WoSP is more likely to be seen as legitimate by all sectors of society, as it involves them in the peacebuilding process.
- Increased effectiveness: WoSP is more likely to be effective in the long term, as it builds on the strengths of all sectors of society.
- Increased sustainability: WoSP is more likely to be sustainable, as it is owned by the people who are affected by conflict.

Examples of WoSP in Practice

There are a number of examples of WoSP in practice around the world. For example, in Colombia, the government has partnered with civil society organizations, the private sector, and religious groups to implement a

comprehensive peacebuilding program. The program has been successful in reducing violence and improving the lives of Colombians.

Another example of WoSP is the Liberia Peacebuilding Office. The office was established in 2004 to coordinate peacebuilding efforts in Liberia. The office has worked with a wide range of stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to implement a number of peacebuilding programs. These programs have been successful in reducing violence, promoting reconciliation, and improving the lives of Liberians.

WoSP is a promising new approach to peacebuilding that has the potential to make a real difference in the world. By involving all sectors of society in the peacebuilding process, WoSP can help to build more peaceful and sustainable societies.



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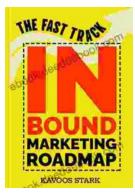
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