

Different Theories of Conflict

Power Theory:

- Conflict is a struggle of domination.
- Wars and politics.
- Competition drives human behaviour in conflict.



Rights Theory:

- Conflict is a contest between competing claims of “rights”.
- Law/courts/arbitration.
- Divorce- “What I have the right to?”

Transformative Theory:

- Conflict is a crises in human interaction.
- Move from destructive to constructive interactions.
- Mediation/dialogue
- Relational worldview



Needs and Interest Theory

- Conflict is a problem in how to me incompatible
- Needs with limited resources.
- Mediation
- Compromise, Win-Win solution

