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## Cooperative Conflict Resolution: A Comparative Review on Abrahamic Religions

### Abstract

Cooperative conflict resolution encourages the active collaboration of parties in conflict toward the development of creative solutions that each can affirm and support. Cooperative conflict resolution becomes a shared enterprise, where former adversaries begin to see each other as partners and recognise multiple possibilities for the transformation of the situation. They pay respectful attention to the religious and cultural loyalties of the other side, seeing them as possibly contributing to ways of seeking solutions rather than disrespecting them because they are different. This transparent strategy requires selfcritical honesty and is non-judgemental. As such, cooperative conflict resolution involves risk taking and cultural and spiritual awareness. To truly engage in this kind of initiative, participants must be willing to listen carefully, understand the perspectives of their adversaries, and suspend judgement, even though they may personally disagree. Thus, this paper aims to propose a comparative review on three main Abrahamic religions namely Jews, Christian and Islam regarding their approach and strategy to promoting cooperative conflict resolution. The findings from this study will be valuable to peace-building entities who work across lines of religious, cultural and ethnic difference to embrace peaceful ecosystem of coexistence. In conclusion, interfaith cooperative is an effective means by which to foster conflict resolution in this deeply faithful nation.

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