

## Peaceful Conflict Transformation and Democratic Transition

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# From Conflict to Peace: The Way is the Goal\*

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## Overview

- 1— Conflict**
- 2— Conflict Transformation
- 3— Democracy**
- 4— Deficit of democracy / conflict
- 5— Democratic Transition**
- 6— Various types of transitions
- 7— Recommendations for the Arab world**



# Western and Islamic Basic Assumptions of Conflict

## Western

- Positive
- Normal
- Can bring growth and creativity

## Middle Eastern

- Negative and dangerous
- Should be avoided
- Brings destruction and disorder

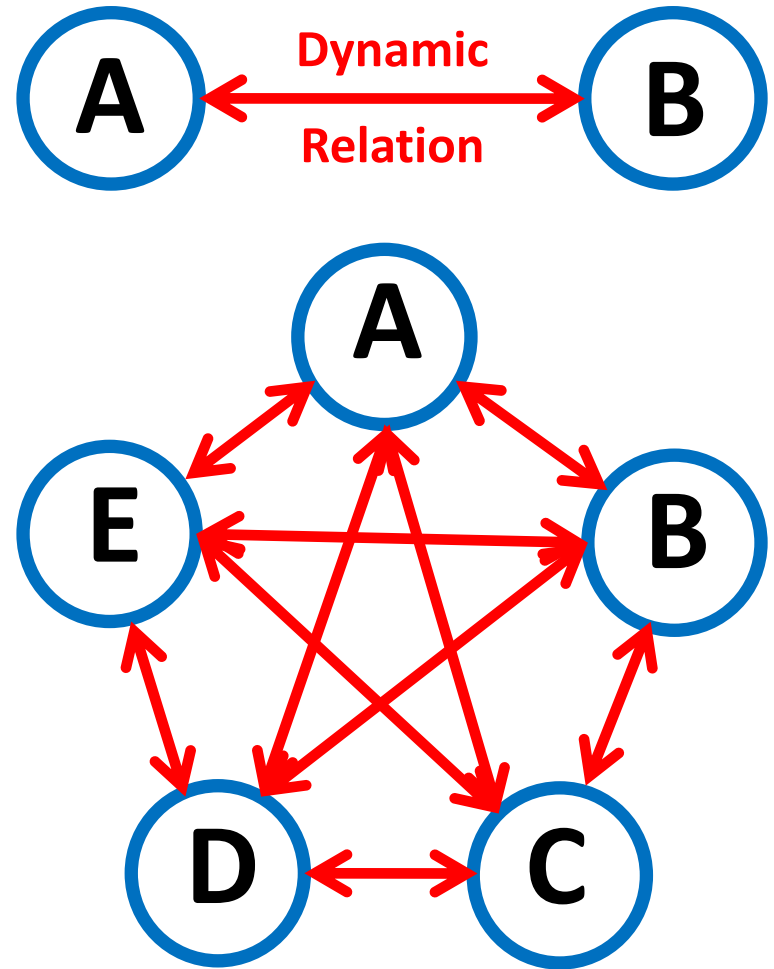
# Conflict: Terminology

- **Conflict**: From L. conflictus, pp. of confligere "to strike together," from con- "together" + fligere "to strike"
- The Arabic equivalent of **conflict** is not **niza'** (نزاع) or **tanaazu'** (تنازع) but:
- **Tadharub** from from "ta" (together) + "dharub" (to strike)      تـ + ضارب = تضارب

# Conflict: Definition in conflictology

Daynamic relation between two or more parties (**individuals, groups, states, civilizations**) with (apparently) contradictory goals (**positions, interests, needs, values**).

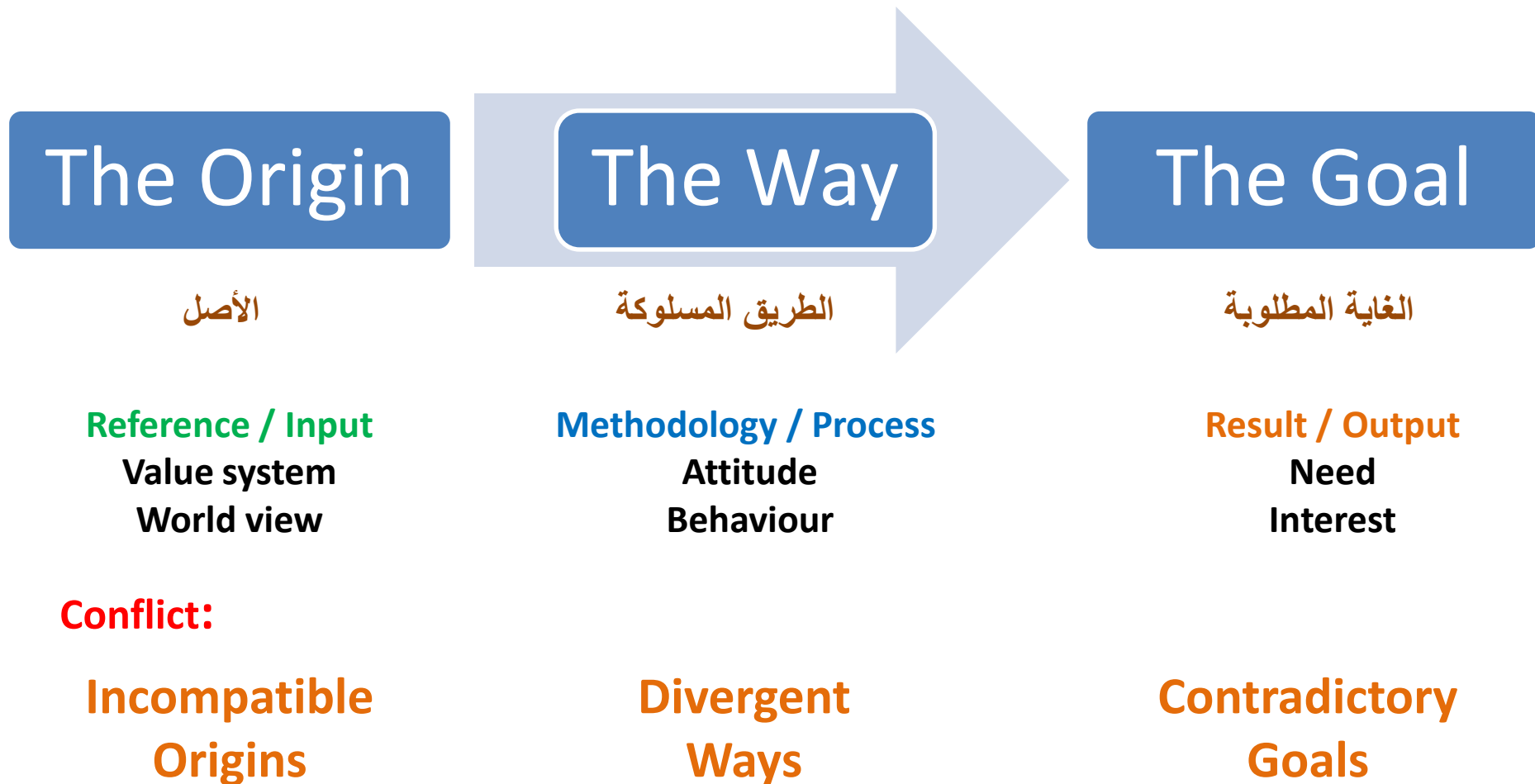
علاقة ديناميكية بين طرفين أو أكثر، أشخاصا كانوا أم جماعات أم دولا أم حضارات لهم أهداف متضاربة أو متناقضة، أو يتوهمون ذلك، وقد تكون هذه الأهداف على مستوى المواقف أو المصالح أو الحاجيات أو القيم.



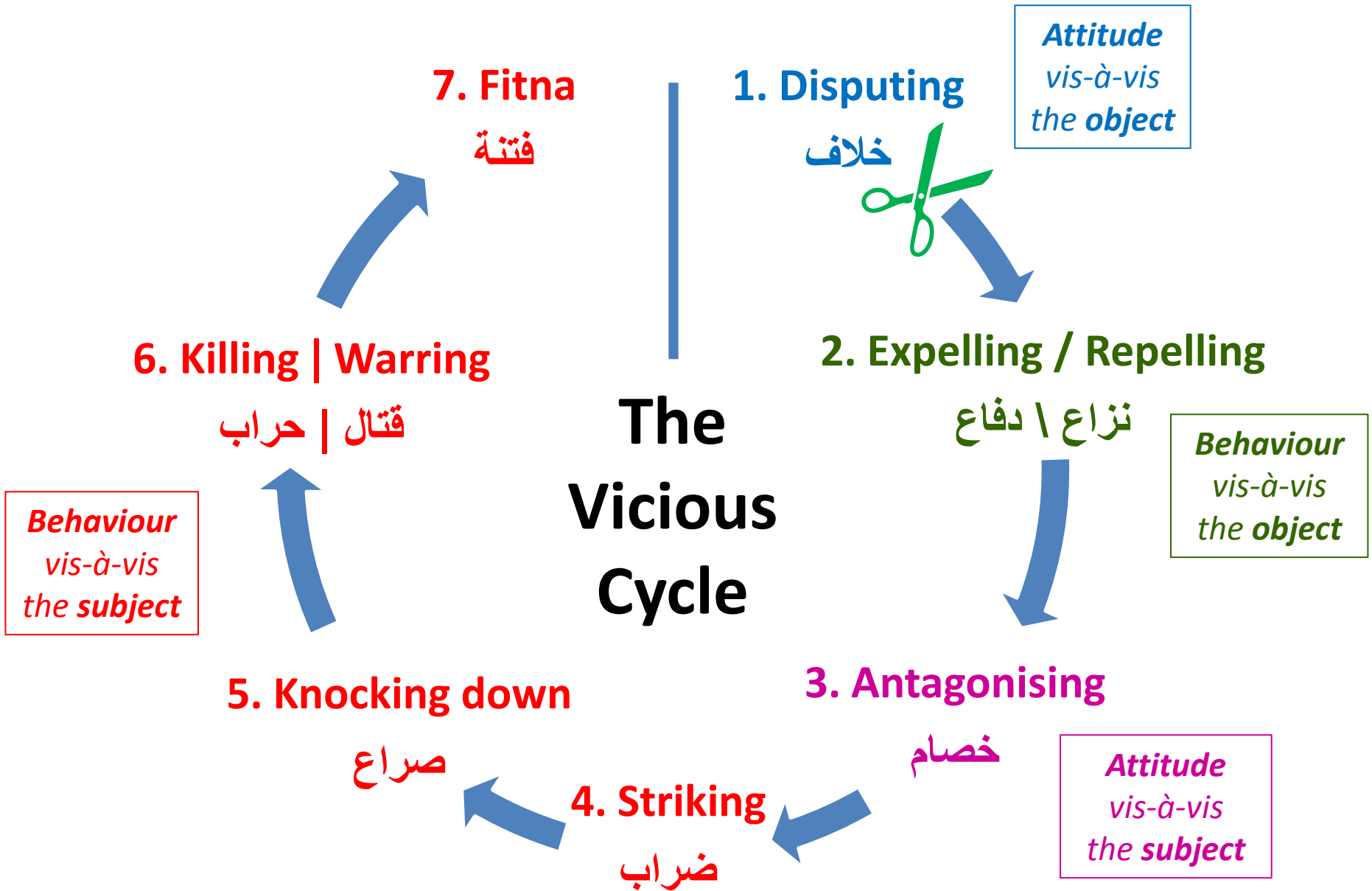
# Conflict: Islamic perspective

**Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyya (1292-1350)**

The Unrestricted Thunderbolts — ابن القيم الجوزية، الصواعق المرسلّة



# Conflict: Islamic perspective



# Conflict Transformation

## 1. Conflict settlement

(الصلح)

Behaviour

ABC

Attitude

Context

## 3. Reconciliation

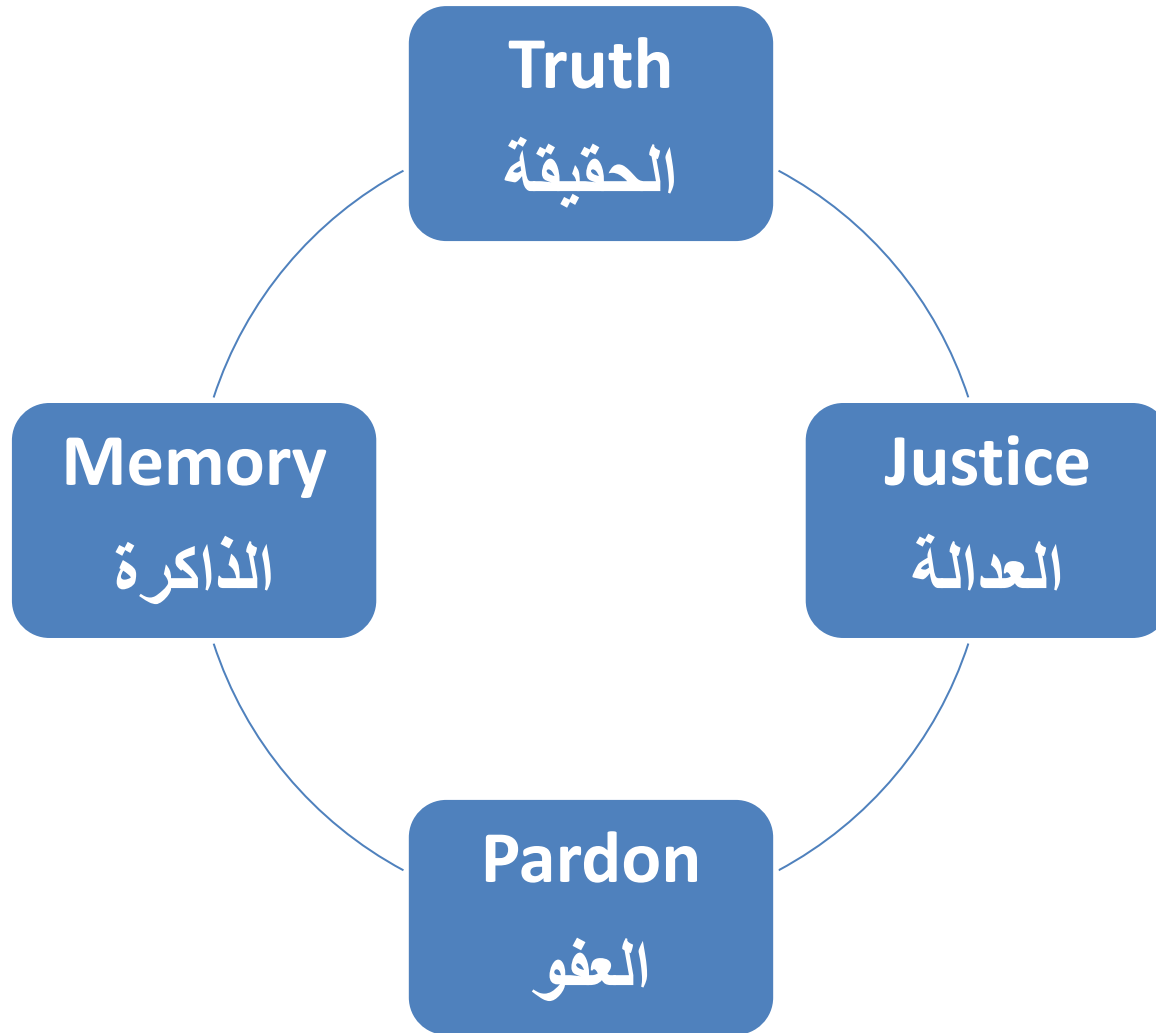
(المصالحة)

## 2. Conflict resolution

(فض النزاع)



# Pillars of post-conflict peace



# Democracy

≠ Electoralism

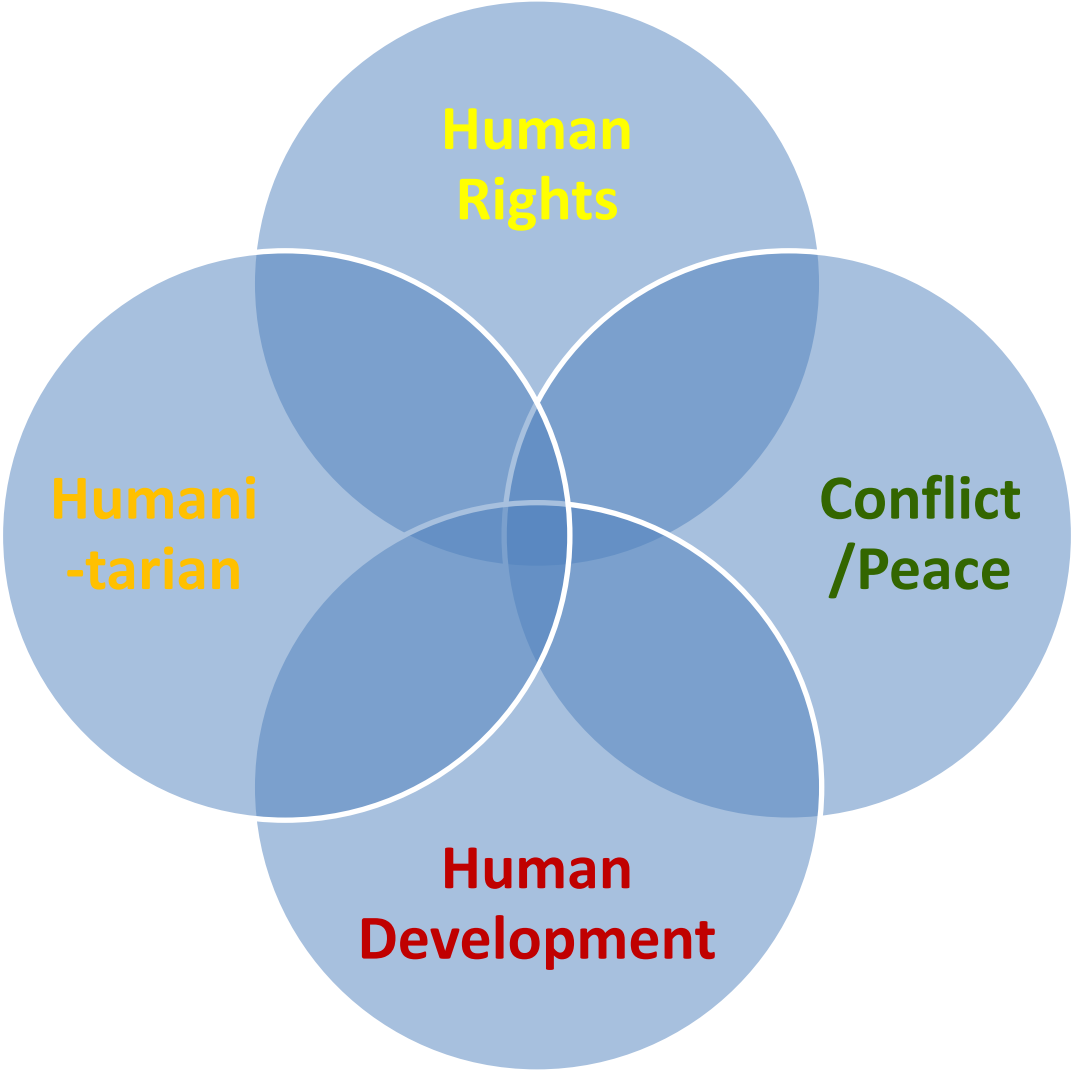
**Dogma**

- **Contestation over power in free and fair elections;**
- **Accountability of the ruler to the ruled;**
- **Checks and balances in the exercise of government;**
- **Neutrality of the armed forces;**
- **Protection of civil and political liberty and rights of every citizen.**

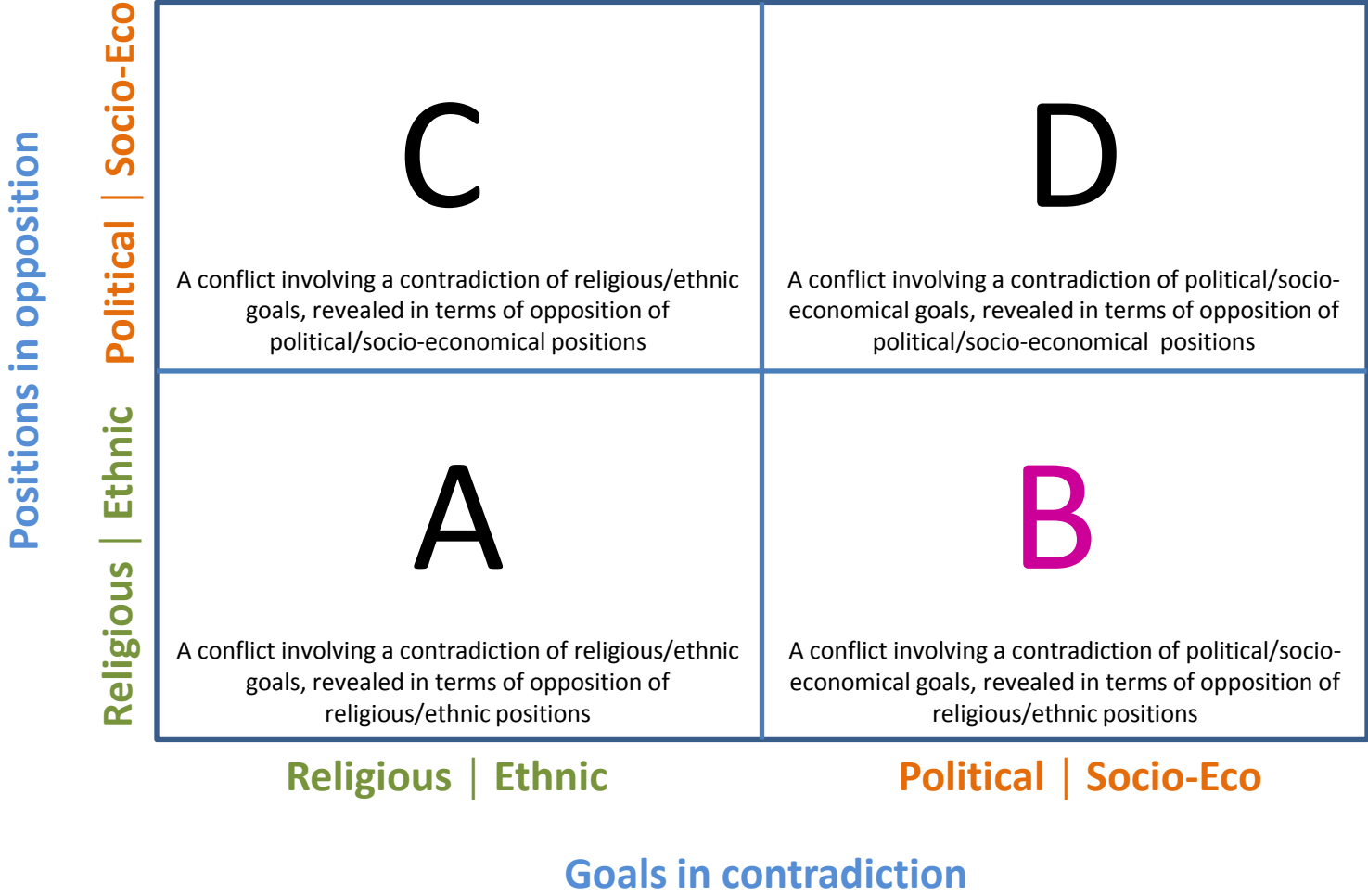
**Praxis**

Terry Lynn Karl

# State Security → Human Security: A paradigm shift



# Deficit of democracy → Conflict



# Democratic Transition

**Non-Democratic  
Regime:**

**Party type**

**Military type**

**Personalist type**

Brooker P. Non-Democratic Regimes:  
Theory, Government and Politics (2000)



**democratic  
regime**

# Types of Transitions

<b>Strategies of Transition</b>	<b>Relative Strength of Elite and Mass</b>	
	<b>Elite Ascendant (Top-Down)</b>	<b>Mass Ascendant (Bottom-Up)</b>
<b>Force</b>	<b>Imposition</b>	<b>Revolution</b>
<b>Compromise</b>	<b>Pact</b>	<b>Reform</b>

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High Violence	Military Coup	Armed Resistance	Military Intervention
Non Violence	Hand Over	Civil Resistance	Soft Persuasion

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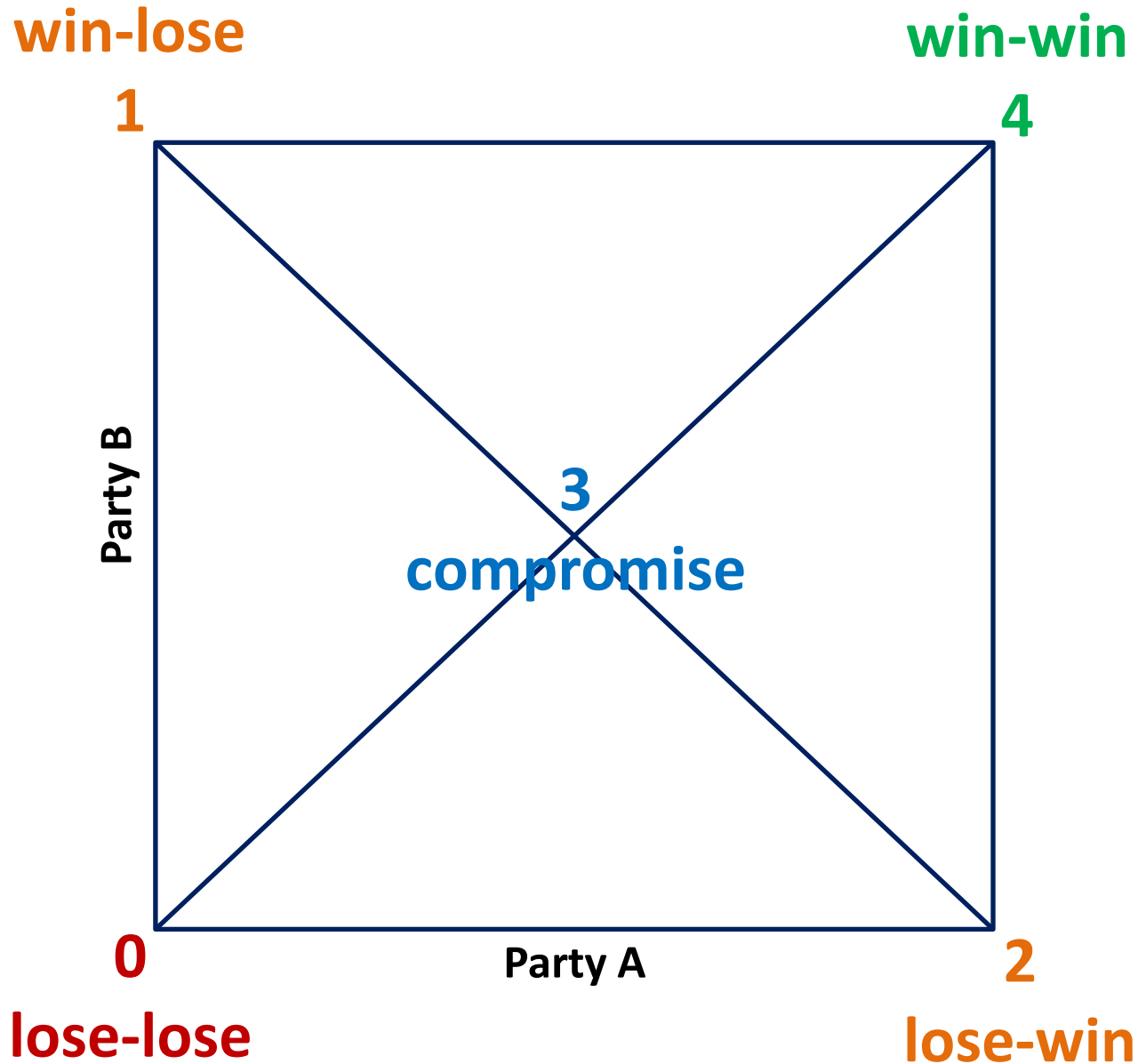
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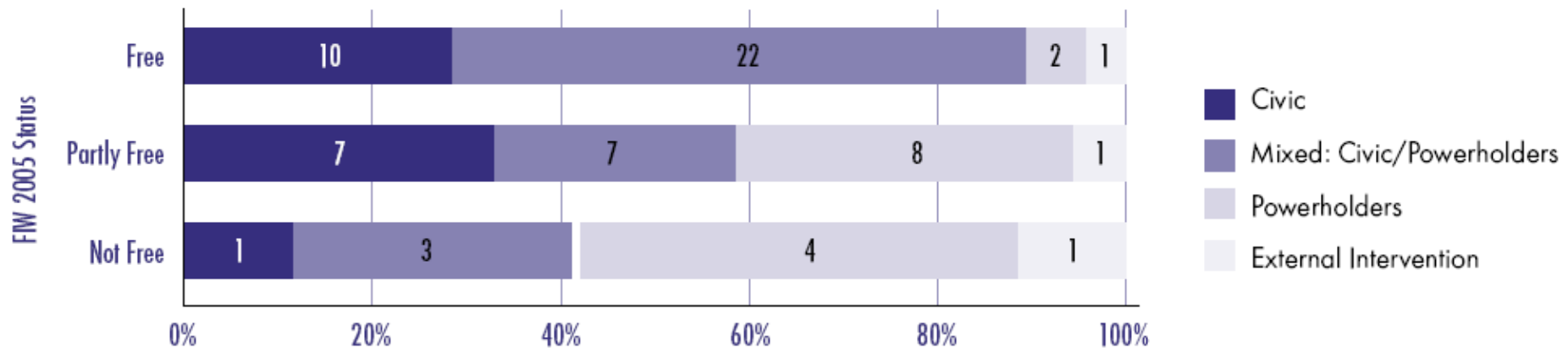
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## Examples of Best and Worst Scenarios

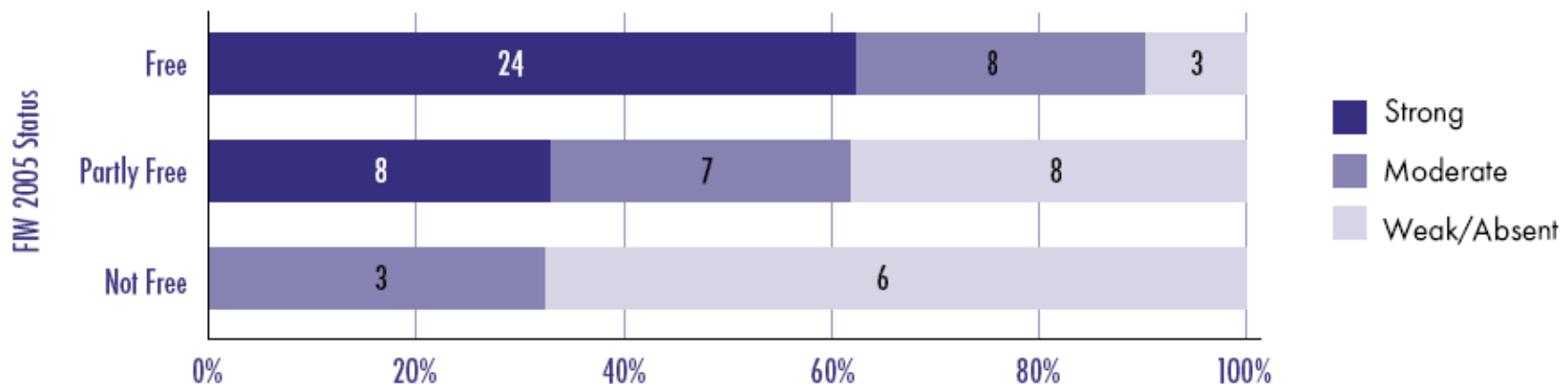
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<b>NV</b> Non Violence	Hand Over	Negociation <b>Spain</b> <b>(1975-1977)</b>	Civil Resistance	Colour Revolution	Soft Persuasion	Mediation

# Types of Transitions

## Civic Forces are Major Drivers of Transitions to Freedom



## The Presence of Strong Civic Coalitions Improves Chances for Freedom



# Recommendations for the Arab World



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	<b>Internal</b>				<b>External</b>	

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