



Week 4: JUST WAR
Understanding the Majority View

Christians may without sin occupy civil offices or serve as princes and judges, render decisions and pass sentences according to imperial and other existing laws, punish evildoers with the sword, engage in just wars, serve as soldiers, ... etc. Condemned here are the Anabaptists who teach that none of the things indicated above is Christian.

~ Augsburg Confession, 1530

It is lawful for Christian men, at the commandment of the Magistrate, to wear weapons, and fight in the wars.

~ Thirty-nine articles of the
Church of England, 1571

It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of a magistrate when called thereunto; ... they may lawfully, now under the New Testament, wage war upon just and necessary occasion.

~ Westminster Confession, 1646

Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just.

~ The Star-Spangled Banner (fourth stanza)

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

~ Canada's National Anthem

My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight.

~ Jesus