

### The principle of non-violence in absolute and moderate pacifism

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*It is considered the role of the principle of nonviolence in two main varieties of pacifist doctrine – absolute and moderate pacifism. It is shown that the problem of violence and nonviolence was interpreted differently in different currents of pacifism. Absolute pacifism imposes a moral prohibition on killing, the consequence of which is the refusal of personal participation in any kind of war. Moderate pacifism is focused on overcoming the institution of war and achieving universal peace as a long-term goal, while the use of physical force as a means of political struggle is not completely ruled out. It is concluded that there is a relationship between principled nonviolence and absolute pacifism, as well as between pragmatic nonviolence and moderate pacifism.*

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