#### What in the World Do Peace Psychologists Do?

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# The Cycle of Violence & Negative Peace

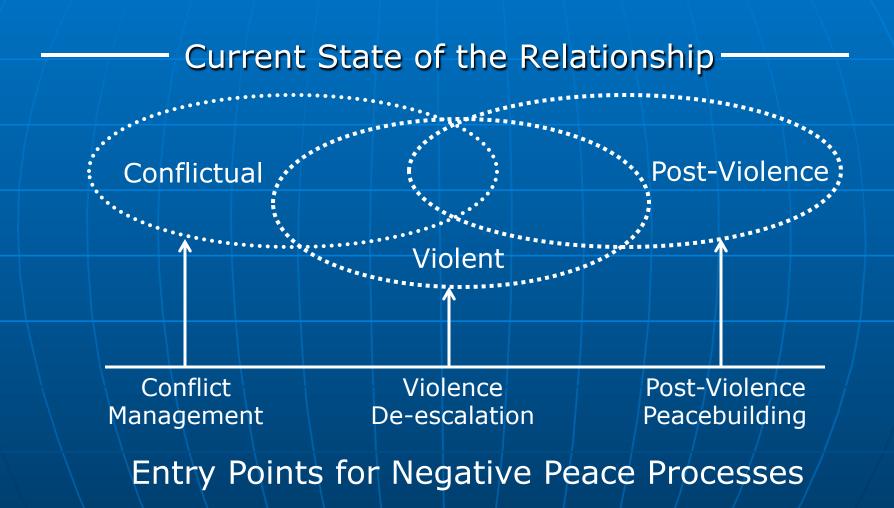
Conflict

Violence



### Negative Peace & Intervention

Christie, Tint, Wagner, & Winter (2008) American Psychologist



## Points of Intervention: A Multi-level Analysis

Christie, Tint, Wagner, & Winter (2008), American Psychologist, drawing on Galtung's distinction:

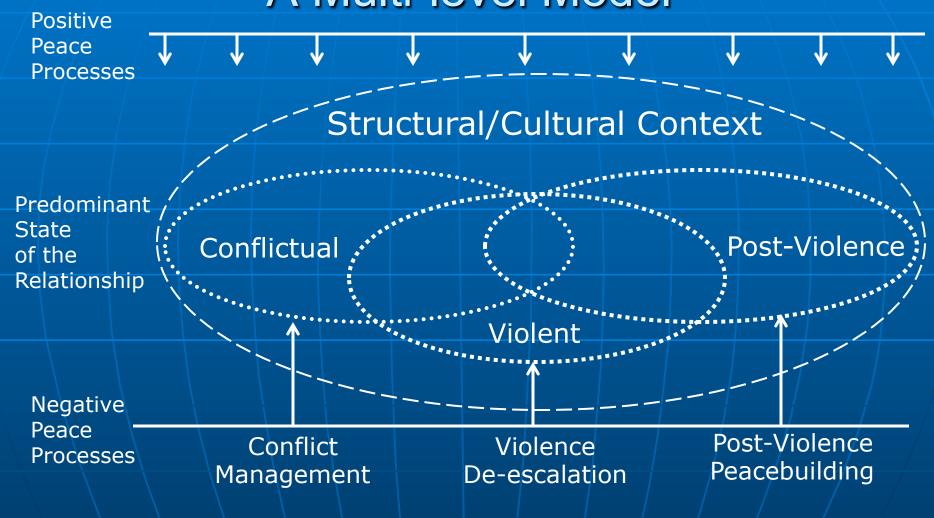
Negative Peace

Efforts to reduce violent episodes

Positive Peace

Efforts to promote social justice

## Negative and Positive Peace Processes: A Multi-level Model



## Peace Psychology: Misconceptions & Challenges

- Peace is weak, naïve, and idealistic
- Peace is soft and not amenable to scientific scrutiny or methodological rigor
- Peace psychology is narrow, focusing on the prevention of nuclear war
- Peace psychology has little to offer international relations

### Problems with Misconceptions

- Misconceptions contribute to invisibility of peace psychology
- Invisibility tacitly supports belief that violence is the natural state of human affairs
- Invisibility promotes ignorance among practitioners who could promote peace in the family, workplace, community, and between nations
- Denies citizens and policy makers insights

### Thank you!