TOPIC: civil war in Nicaraugua

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* Lastly, a major research paper of approximately 18-20 pages (4000-4500 words)
* maximum on a civil war in the countries of the Global south must be handed in at or before the class of **August 9, 2018.**
* Sources : 20+
* Citation : as you wish,

Here are notes I took in class about how the essay should be structured and what to include ( if you find other relevant aspects please feel free as long as they are backed by scholarly sources).

* Begin with ( short) history about Nicaragua civil war , IMPORTANT NOTE: this essay should **not** be description of civil war in Nicaragua it should be an analysis based on scholar thought and theory. )

Some concepts to think about when analyzing civil war

* Theories of civil war important to: explain civil war in Nicaragua
* Civil war what ignites it?
* Who are the victims
* Cause of conflict , “ states go to war for certain reasons so do people. What moves combatants” ?
* An important issue is the 🡪 quest for greater autonomy. Usually the fighters want some autonomous existence without separation and without being overpowered by government or other groups.
* Ethnic / religious dynamic in the nation
* Strong or weak state ? can facilitate ability to have civil war
* Strong state doesn’t allow militias , warlords , in weak ones there is room for these malicious groups to arise.
* Role of poverty and hardship
* Colonialization , did they leave a good foundation for independence or no
* Greed or grievance?
* Related deprivation theory widely used by a writer called “ted guerr “ 🡨 look at his work
* Scarcity theory , economic environmental conflict, people fighting for resources.
* Water scarcity.
* Ethnic differences theory of conflict. 🡪 civilizational conflict ( for example we cant use this theory in internal conflict most of the time people are of the same ethnicity etc Somalia. )
* Religion almost used to mobilize always.
* Demographic; in countries where there is many young people in working age like hood of having conflict is high especially with no higher education than middle school etc. more rebel groups and child soldiers
* Neighbouring state spill over factor ( war next door )
* Major concepts on cause of internal war.
* When conflicts arise, they escalate. If conflict arose was there effort by neighbouring state to deflate or by international society. Was it possible ot prevent or manage it on time so it did not become full blown civil conflict. Role of neighbours and international actions and regional actors.
* What are the costs of war. Displacement internal and external. Analyze them
* Ethnic geography : are ethnicity living in mixed quarters = more conflict if separate they have less..

Reasons by author for civil war : ( feel free to find other )

1. Ethno nationalism / Clannism ( Somalia same ethnicity fight )
2. Indigenousness fights
3. Contention of power ( like Syria) struggle for power over existing state.

( above doesn’t have to apply to Nicaragua pick if they do or dont )

* Last part is how we bring conflict to an end.

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