Abstract

The purpose of this research is to look at another alternative to current mediation efforts in areas of conflict around the world. Mediation and conflict resolution are typically executed through a single method by an individual running the session. If this style does not work, or is not able to evaluate all aspects of the conflict and the mediation fails, then it will be harder to bring hostile groups to the table again. Conflict Response Teams would be an answer to this. The teams would be composed of individuals that are trained in different methods of mediation and have expertise in varied fields of study. The team approach evaluates the situation and all the possible underlying causes using expertise from different fields to ascertain the best practices to assist the conflicted parties in resolving their differences while also formulating resolutions for future conflicts. Even if conflicts are not fully resolved, the in-depth analysis of a team approach will create change that will help in future attempts to mediate between the same parties.

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