

**Table 16.3****Summary of sociological perspectives: War and conflict**

	<b>Functional</b>	<b>Conflict/ Feminist</b>	<b>Interactionist</b>
<b>Explanation of war and conflict</b>	Functionalists examine how war and terrorism help maintain the social order.	War and terrorism may be based on conflict over resources, territory, and power. From a feminist perspective, war is considered a primarily male activity that enhances the position of males in society.	An interactionist focuses on the social messages and meaning of war and terrorism.
<b>Questions asked about war and conflict</b>	What functions do war and terrorism serve? For terrorist groups? For the targets of terrorism? For groups in conflict? For revolutionaries?	What groups are in conflict and why?	How do our conceptions of war and conflict shape political and diplomatic responses?  How do they shape our own behavior?