

# A few experiences in conflict resolution

- War Against Terrorism
- Religious and Ethnic (Sectarian) Conflict
- Civil War

# A few terms from Amanda Ripley's 2021 book *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out*

Confirmation bias. The human tendency to interpret new information as confirmation of one's preexisting beliefs.

Conflict entrepreneurs. People who exploit high conflict for their own ends.

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Fire starters. Accelerants that lead conflict to explode in violence, including group identities, conflict entrepreneurs, humiliation, and corruption.

Good conflict. Friction that can be serious and intense but leads somewhere useful. Does not collapse into dehumanization. Also known as healthy conflict.

High conflict. A conflict that becomes self-perpetuating and all-consuming, in which almost everyone ends up worse off. Typically an us-versus-them conflict.

Humiliation. A forced and public degradation; an unjustified loss of dignity, pride, or status. Can lead to high conflict and violence.

Understory. The thing the conflict is really about

Founding Father  
Populist President Sukarno  
Guided Democracy  
Nationalism, Religion and Communism



# COLD WAR



# 1965-66 Massacres





# 1998-99 Student Activists Killings, Disappearances





# DEMOCRAZY!











# WAR AGAINST TERRORISM







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**PAYING RESPECT:** An Australian couple lays a wreath as two other foreign tourists wait for their turn at the bomb site in Kuta, Bali. Some foreign tourists visited the bomb site on Monday to pay respect to the death. Saturday night blasts killed at least 183 people and wounding more than 300, many of them tourists. Related photos on Pages 2,3,4,10,13,19

# Govt vows united action in fighting terrorism

"With such a huge blast, the and the police on the security for the incident."

# American Muslim Hip Hop Group





# Prabowo: Leader of Massacres and Torture—Trained by US Military

- Training at Fort Bragg in 1980 and Georgia's Fort Benning in 1985 North Carolina's Fort.
- Led army units that committed atrocities in Timor Leste 1980
- Orchestrated massacres and rapes of ethnic Chinese May 1998
- And of student killings, disappearances, torture, 97-98



# Anti-Chinese/Christian Politics





# Aceh Civil War: 1974-2004





# 2004 Christmas Tsunami in Aceh

