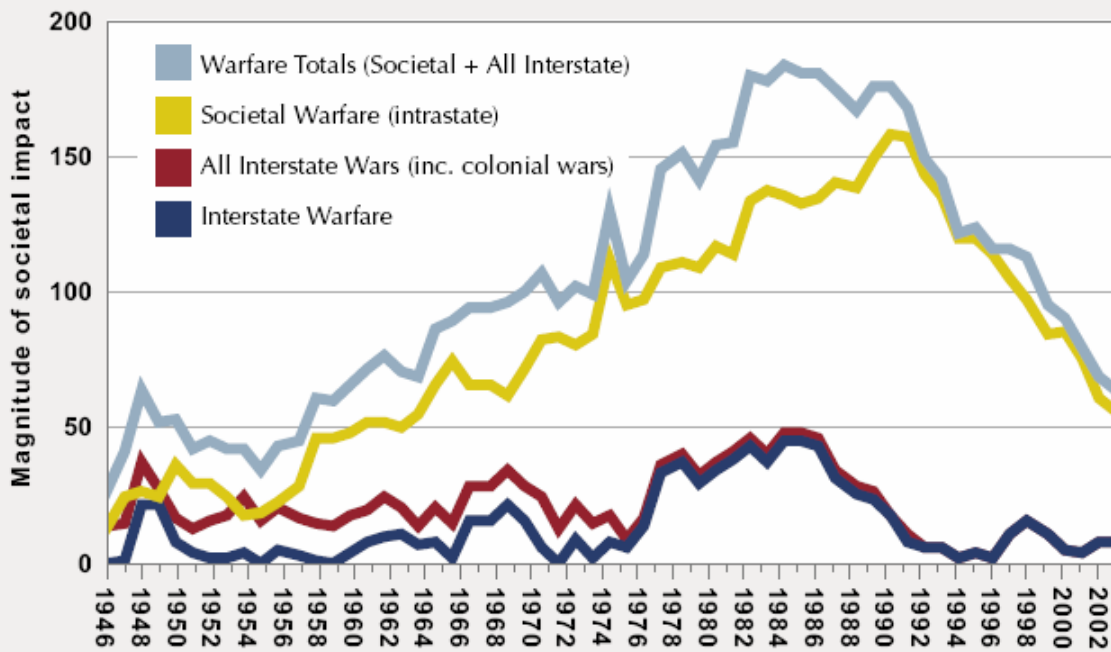


Figure 4.2 The falling cost of armed conflict



Source: *Peace and Conflict 2005*⁵

The global trend in the cost of conflict follows a similar pattern to the conflict numbers: Several decades of increase then a sharp decline.

5. Monty G. Marshall and Ted Robert Gurr, *Peace and Conflict 2005* (College Park, MD: Center for International Development and Conflict Management, 2005), <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/inscr/PC05print.pdf> (accessed 31 May 2005).