The theory of the conflict arose in the regions of China, Greece and the India. Important authors as Sun Zu, Heráclito, Ibn Khaldun, Miyamoto, Machiavelli, Bodino, sat the theoretical bases of this important social perspective. For his study, we have divided her into four parts: first, The roots of the theory of the Conflict. Second, the classic positions: Kaldún, Nicolás Machiavelli, Karl Marx, Karl Von Clawsewitz, Thomas Hobbes, Georges Simmel, Lewis Coser and Henry Kissinger. Third, the contemporary positions with the theses of: Louis Kriesberg, Lewis Coser, Herbert Marcuse, Erick Fromm, Randall Collins, Georges Balandier and Elton McNeil. And quarter, with the most important topics that this theory has penetrated like: The costs of the political, social violence, the terrorism, war, geopolitics and globalization in our world.

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