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In every warlike polity (which means in an overwhelming majority of political formations of any kind) There are elaborate social arrangements which stimulate martial ardour by playing upon vanity, fear of contempt, sexual desire, filial and fraternal attachment, loyalty to the group and other sentiments. It seems reasonable to suppose that if there was an innate propensity to war-making, such a stimulation would be unnecessary. If human beings were in fact endowed with an innate proclivity for war; it would not be necessary

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to indoctrinate them with warlike virtues; and the mere fact that in so many societies past and present so much time has been devoted to such an indoctrination proves that there is no instinct for war.

