

Dictionary Definition

The quality or state of being secure; freedom from danger; freedom from fear or anxiety.

National Security

Governmental stability against internal and external threats. In particular, the preparation for, prevention of, deterrence of, defence against and response to threats and aggressions toward national territory, sovereignty, domestic population and infrastructure.

Corporate Security

A strategy to ensure the continued existence and profitability of a corporation. More specifically, the cost-effective protection of assets and the use of risk management strategies to reduce losses.

Food Security

A situation where all people at all times have both physical and economic access to sufficient food to meet their dietary needs for a productive and healthy life.

Holistic Perspective

Security is multi-dimensional and multi-levelled. Security means the lessening of all forms of violence, from safety within relationships and safe streets to ending war and the destruction of the planet. All forms of violence, whether they be schoolyard bullying, spousal abuse, factory farming of animals or military invasions, are deeply interwoven with each other and each needs to be addressed in connection with all the others.

Community Security

Freedom to participate in family life and the culture of one's ethnic group.

Security as Liberation

The route to security is the emancipation of humanity: emancipation means freeing people from those constraints that stop them from doing what freely they would choose to do. It is emancipation, not power and order, that leads to stable security.

Environmental Security

Relative safety from environmental dangers caused by natural or human processes and the restoration of environmental damages that can lead to social disorder and conflict.

Global Security

The belief that security involves more than protection against military attack. Ecological, economic and demographic trends pose serious challenges to all countries and need to be addressed.

Human Security

A broad category of security that includes the safety of humans against all personal threats to health, food supply and environment. Examples range from job security to freedom from drug trafficking.