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This video discusses the significance of the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, signed in 1998 to end the conflict known as "the Troubles" in Northern Ireland, which lasted for 30 years and claimed over 3,700 lives. The agreement established a power-sharing government between the nationalist community, seeking a united Ireland, and the unionist community, wanting to remain part of the United Kingdom. This video reflects on the current political challenges in Northern Ireland, noting that the assembly created from the agreement was suspended for a significant portion of its existence due to political disputes, such as those arising from Brexit.

The author highlights the importance of the Good Friday Agreement as a case study in power-sharing and conflict resolution, noting its potential lessons for similar situations globally. The involvement of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition, an all-women political party that contributed to the peace talks, is emphasized, illustrating how women's voices can influence political processes. This video coalition ensured commitments to human rights and equality were part of the peace agreement.

This video transitions to examine the power-sharing model's limitations, especially post-agreement, where voting along ethno-national lines diminished the influence of more inclusive political parties like the Women's Coalition. Observations are made on the successes in advocating for human rights but also the challenges arising from an increasingly polarized political environment.

The narrative further connects to broader contexts of conflict resolution, indicating that power-sharing frameworks must include diverse communities beyond ethno-national identities to achieve true equality and representation. Additionally, the author reflects on contemporary conflicts, such as in Afghanistan, and argues that lessons from Northern Ireland emphasize the necessity for mediation and inclusion in peace settlements, particularly regarding women's roles and rights in political frameworks. The conclusion calls for a re-evaluation of current conflicts, advocating for dialogue and inclusive approaches to foster lasting peace, identified as a "feminist peace."