

at war, where manipulation can be used to control those believing in idealism to do the evil acts needed to turn the tide of the war.

The Quiet American does an excellent job at showing how the characteristic of innocence can be many different things and how it is not always a good characteristic to have, as many people believe it is. We follow Fowler and Pyle through a journey that shows us how innocence can lead an ambitious and innocent individual to do horrible acts on behalf of others, since an innocent person is easily manipulated. Even though all of Pyle's actions were done with a good intent, they eventually led to destruction and mass-murder, and Pyle became the ultimate example of how much destruction innocence can cause the world.

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