

ALTERNATIVES TO WAR

WAR

VS.

ECO-HUMANOMICS

Armed Conflict is a response to failed policies of the past.

Reactive response to symptoms of unaddressed “Root Causes.”

Independent, isolated reactions.

Ecological-Humanitarian-Economic- Development

Proactive removal and prevention of “Root Causes.”

Interconnected synergistic systems.

TERRORISM

War will lead more individuals in the Middle East and elsewhere into seeing terrorism as an appropriate response.

The more terrorism, and the more the U.S. responds by military force, ignoring the root cause, the more the cycle of violence will continue as between Israel and the Palestinians.

The best cure for terrorism and the breeding grounds of terrorism is food, shelter, education, recognition, dignity, equality and sustainable economic development.

We must stop our double standard of supporting suppressive regimes and ignoring the extreme poverty and injustices which prevail throughout the Mid-East and Third World if we expect to stop the spread & growth of terrorism and hatred for the US.

IRAQ

An invasion will make it easier, not harder, for al Qaeda to recruit terrorists, resulting in more hatred and determination by terrorists, old and new, to attack US and other Western citizens where they are most vulnerable.

The perception of the United States as a superpower that perceives itself as above International law will be enhanced.

If Saddam Hussein is a War Criminal and a threat to the world, this dispute should be taken to the International Court of Justice, charging Saddam Hussein in an established International Criminal Court.

An invasion will weaken our effectiveness as a world leader. The US will be setting the example that it is acceptable to use preemptive strikes to solve conflicts.

For more reasons Why We Should Not Invade Iraq, see Dallas Peace Center at <mailto:admin@dallaspeacecenter.org>

ISRAEL-PALESTINE

If military intervention was the answer, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict would have ended fifty years ago.

Violence breeds violence. Two countries locked in battle can not negotiate their own peace.

Open a public dialogue that re-examines US policy towards Israel.

The United Nations and the leaders of the world must step in to oversee a negotiated (negotiate and dictate if need be) peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

For more on Israel-Palestine Peace Alternatives see <http://www.icahd.org/eng/articles.asp?menu=6&submenu=1>, by Diane Perlman, PhD

FOREIGN POLICY

Centered on establishing and maintaining Western economic and strategic gain.

The US trails every industrialized nation in per capita foreign aid to address the root causes of violence, hunger and extreme poverty!

“Blowback” - CIA talk for failed policies that come back to haunt you, like supporting and training bin-Laden, supplying Hussein and his military, including bacteria cultures that could be used to make WMD, including Anthrax. (Newsweek 9-23-02)

US foreign policy must help create a more inclusive future for all people in all countries.

US policies must adhere to and respect International Law, and end the double standards that have contributed to the extreme inequalities in much of the Arab and Third World.

What is the connection between the attacks and US foreign policy? How often does US foreign policy reflect and how often is it in contradiction to the values of democracy, justice and freedom? And how important is it whether we practise what we preach?

ENERGY

War and a strong military will need to be called upon more and more often in the future to support a growing US demand for oil.

Conflict, shortages and war await the World's future because the Earth can not produce enough oil or natural resources for developing countries to live the American life style.

The US and the developed world have two choices... War or Change from our dependence on oil.

Create a ten year "moon shot" type program to make the US (and other developed countries) over fifty percent (and developing countries over twenty percent) fossil fuel and nuclear energy free.

The alternative is a solar/hydrogen energy economy with advanced design public rail/transport systems, broad use of bicycles and a comprehensive reuse-recycle economy.

Alternatives to war are alternatives in energy generation.

For more on alternative energy, see “Oil and Hydrogen” <http://CommunityForPeace.net>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Why are there people who hate the US so much that they are willing to fly loaded airplanes into buildings and mercilessly kill Americans, and anyone representing the developed, Western world?

Advanced war technology gives the developing world capacities to do great damage to the modern world, raising the risks and effects of the growing inequality. The have-nots will be able to do much more than in the past to express their resentment about being left behind.

45% of the world lives on less than \$2 a day. Richest 1/5 of world consumes 86% of all goods and services – poorest 1/5 are left with just over 1%. Peace and prosperity are unlikely under such conditions.

CIA report for 2000.

“Groups feeling left behind (by widening inequality) will foster political, ethnic, ideological and religious extremism... along with the violence that often accompanies it.”

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The US should take the lead in forging a new Rich-Poor compact. It's chief elements would include expanding economic assistance to the poor, developing new sources of energy and

food production, improving family planning, access to health care throughout the 3rd world, and making the United Nations a strong, effective instrument for preventing and stopping conflict.

A war against terrorism is not a war that can be won on the battlefield because there is no battlefield.

Security must be built on the power of diplomacy, International Law and aid rather than on military power.

Wars and acts of terrorism precipitated by an Iraq invasion could last for decades in an endless cycle of hatred and revenge.

Security must be built on policies that reverse inequities in the world and seek to provide basic human rights and human dignity for all.

For more on Security, see **Security in the Post 9/11 World** by David Krieger of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (www.wagingpeace.org).

*"I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it."
- Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969)*

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