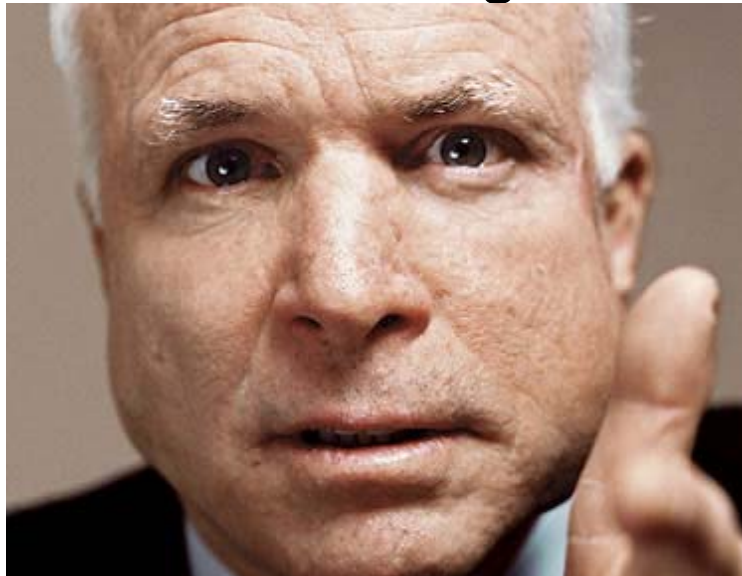


**GI SPECIAL 6K3:**

**Wow! Democracy!  
You Get To Choose Which One  
Will Order You To Die For The  
Empire In Iraq Or Afghanistan!**

**NOT ANOTHER DEATH?  
NOT ANOTHER DAY?  
NOT ACCORDING TO THEM:**

**Imperial Predator #1:  
Stay In Iraq Forever? Go Afghan?  
Whatever Mr. Deranged Decides**



**Imperial Predator #2:  
Go To Afghanistan; Attack Pakistan;  
Kiss Your Ass Goodbye**



[washingtonpost.com]

**WASHINGTON, Oct 31 (Reuters)**

**Both candidates in Tuesday's U.S. presidential election, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, have pledged to send more troops to Afghanistan.**

**MORE:**

**Troops Will Long Remember Who Warned That The Democratic Party President Would Keep The Wars Going, And Stressed The Importance Of Helping Build And Strengthen Armed Forces Resistance Now**

# **Troops Will Also Long Remember Who Pandered To The Huge, Understandable Hope That Electing Obama Would Stop The Wars, And Who, By Arguing For His Election, Participated In The Betrayal**

**Comment: T**

The Democratic party has no intention whatever of cutting off the funding for the war in Iraq, and you can take that one to the bank.

The Democratic Party faction in control of Congress has already decided to fund the wars and the killing in Iraq and Afghanistan not merely until their candidate takes the White House, but has agreed to fund the wars and the killing for at least half a year into 2009.

Everybody knows that.

Congressional Democrats have no intention of breaking with either the Democratic Party now over that, or rejecting the Presidential candidate and breaking with the Democratic Party later.

Everybody knows that too.

However, many desperately avoid that reality, hoping for something better, which is understandable. Reality is not pretty, and it's hardly surprising that not everyone can face it now.

Events will be the most powerful teacher.

**People, including troops, will long remember who warned that the Democratic Party president would keep the wars going, and stressed the importance of helping build and strengthen armed forces resistance now.**

**People, including troops, will also long remember who pandered to the huge, understandable hope inside and outside the armed forces that electing Obama would stop the wars, and who, by arguing for his election, participated in the betrayal, rather than telling the truth, however unwelcome and unpopular it may be now.**

**Members of the armed forces, being faced with immediate death, figure things out very fast indeed----a whole lot faster than politicians who pretend they are oppose Imperial wars but who refuse to say "Bring The Troops Home Now."**

**Take your pick.**

**Bring The Troops Home Now?**

**Or Bring The Surviving Troops Home Sometime Later?**

**There isn't any middle to hide in.**

**Sorry about that.**

**It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that any politician who doesn't want to bring the troops home now does want more dead American troops and more dead Iraqis and Afghans.**

**This publication will not betray troops or military families by endorsing, supporting or campaigning for any candidate for public office opposed to the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**You can take that to the bank.**

**Here's a blinding flash of the obvious:**

**The argument that the way to build a movement to bring all the troops home now is to campaign for a candidate who opposes bringing all the troops home now is stupid bullshit.**

**Having a major candidate for President who says Bring The Troops Home Now would have been useful in building our movement, but is unnecessary to stop the war.**

**No election stopped Vietnam.**

**Nixon didn't want to stop Vietnam.**

**Resistance against the war in the armed forces stopped Vietnam.**

**Resistance within armed forces can stop wars when Imperial politicians won't.**

**That's where our work will get results.**

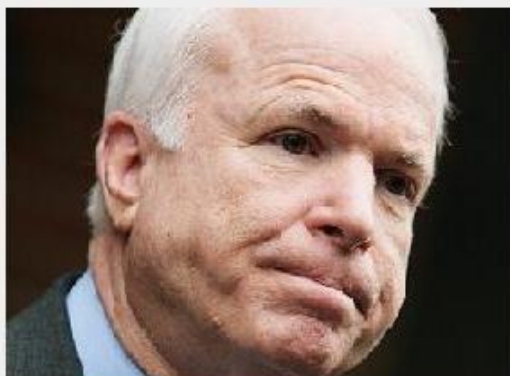
**Not another day, not another dime, not another life.**

**Nothing less.**

**Campaigning for the election of any candidate who wants to kill more U.S. troops, in Iraq or Afghanistan is betrayal.**

**MORE:**

## Hate the war? Try voting against it



### **This man is for the war:**

- Said staying in Iraq for 100 years would be "fine with me"
- Sang "Bomb bomb bomb bomb bomb Iran"
- Agreed with Cheney that the Iraq war would be easy, cheap, and that U.S. forces would be "greeted as liberators"



### **This man is for the war:**

- Plans to keep at least 80,000 troops in Iraq permanently
- Wants to withdraw troops from Iraq and send them to Afghanistan to establish a permanent occupation
- Voted for all war-funding bills until he started running for president

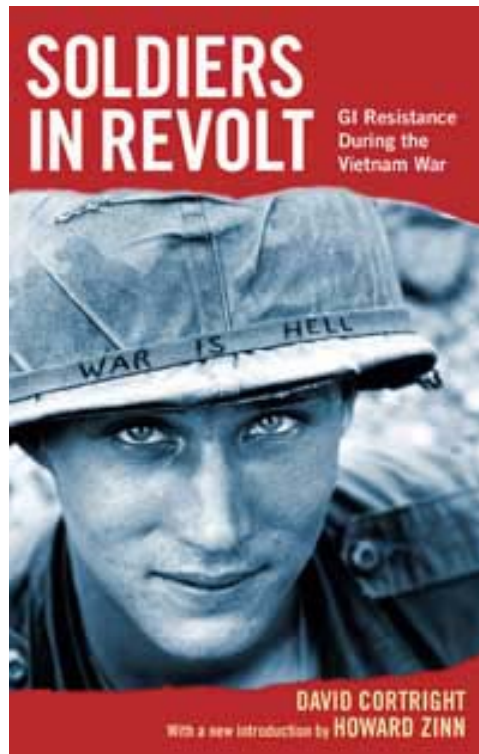
[Front page, Traveling Soldier]



**Vietnam: They Stopped An Imperial War**

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WARS**



SOLDIERS IN REVOLT: DAVID CORTRIGHT, Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, New York, 1975. Now available in paperback from Haymarket Books.

## **NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER**

Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))

## **NO FOOLS HERE; They're On The Receiving End Of Imperial Glory**



A rally against the U.S. attacks on Pakistan in Karachi November 1, 2008. U.S. missile strikes in northwest Pakistan killed up to 20 people on Friday. Barack Obama has promised more attacks on Pakistan if he is elected President. Photo: REUTERS/Athar Hussain

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## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

***Good News For The Iraqi  
Resistance!!***

# U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



Iraq citizens watch as foreign occupation soldiers from the U.S. soldiers search their house during an armed home invasion in Baquba, Diyala province, November 1, 2008. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic

**[Fair is fair. Let's bring 150,000 Iraqi troops over here to the USA. They can kill people at checkpoints, bust into their houses with force and violence, butcher their families, overthrow the government, put a new one in office they like better and call it "sovereign," and "detain" anybody who doesn't like it in some prison without any charges being filed against them, or any trial.]**

**[Those Iraqis are sure a bunch of backward primitives. They actually resent this help, have the absurd notion that it's bad their country is occupied by a foreign military dictatorship, and consider it their patriotic duty to fight and kill the soldiers sent to grab their country. What a bunch of silly people. How fortunate they are to live under a military dictatorship run by George Bush. Why, how could anybody not love that? You'd want that in your home town, right?]**

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION  
ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!**



# **THIS ENVIRONMENT IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH; ALL HOME, NOW**



A U.S. soldier inspects the wreckage of a vehicle used in a bomb attack in Baghdad October 12, 2008. REUTERS/Bassim Shati

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. MQ-1 Down In Southern Afghanistan**

02 Nov 2008 DPA

Kabul - An unmanned US drone crashed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday. The cause of the crash of the MQ-1 Predator drone was not known, a US military statement said.

"The aircraft is a medium-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft. The MQ-1's primary mission is conducting armed reconnaissance," the statement said, adding that the military would investigate the incident.

The drones are mostly used by US-led coalition forces to attack Taliban insurgent positions in remote areas of the country.

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## **Afghanistan:**

# **“The Next President Will Continue To See This As An Objective Worth Killing For”**

October 30, 2008 David Whitehouse, Socialist Worker [Excerpt]

The U.S. will not negotiate its own withdrawal until the political costs of the war--exacted by the insurgency and also by an American antiwar movement--are raised substantially.

The central objective of the U.S. war on Afghanistan was the occupation itself, not the pursuit of bin Laden.

Like the Clinton administration before it, and an Obama administration after it, the Bush team sought a strategic placement in an energy-rich region where the U.S. is squaring off against such rivals as Russia, Iran and China.

The next president will continue to see this as an objective worth killing for.

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## **TROOP NEWS**

# **Just One More Betrayal: “The Pentagon Inspector General Hardly Ever Sides With Service Members Who Complain That They Were Punished For Reporting Wrongdoing”**

Oct 31, 2008 By Richard Lardner, The Associated Press [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — Military whistleblowers might want to save their breath.

**The Pentagon inspector general, the internal watchdog for the Defense Department, hardly ever sides with service members who complain that they were punished for reporting wrongdoing, according to a review of cases by the Associated Press.**

**The inspector general's office rejected claims of retaliation and stood by the military in more than 90 percent of nearly 3,000 cases during the past six years.**

More than 73 percent were closed after only a preliminary review that relied on available documents and sources — often from the military itself — to determine whether a full inquiry was warranted.

But critics, including a Republican senator, wonder whether many valid cases are dismissed before being carefully examined because of attitudes in the inspector general's office.

Indeed, a confidential government survey obtained by the Associated Press described a demoralized and ambivalent work force in the inspector general's office "at a high level of risk."

Investigators who handle reprisal complaints think supervisors don't value their work, the survey found. That has a direct bearing on employees' performance and how long they stay with the office.

Whistleblowing is risky business, particularly for those in uniform.

They have fewer rights than their civilian counterparts and work in a culture where questioning leadership is frowned upon.

Demotions, poor performance reports and letters of reprimand are commonly used to penalize or silence whistleblowers. Any one of these can derail even a promising career.

**The AP has learned the Justice Department is reviewing a reprisal case involving a Navy officer who challenged a recruiting policy in 2002 that favored white candidates over blacks and Hispanics.**

Jason Hudson was removed from his job overseeing more than 130 recruiters and received a negative performance evaluation.

**The Navy eventually rescinded the disputed recruiting policy.**

**But it said Hudson hadn't been punished for challenging it even though Hudson's attorney collected evidence indicating otherwise.**

**In early 2003, Hudson asked the Pentagon inspector general for help. More than five years later, nothing has been done to challenge or reverse the Navy's decision.**

"They are supposed to serve as the conscience of the Department of Defense. And they're not," said Hudson, adding that his views were his own and not the Navy's. "They don't have the ability or will to make things happen. They don't have any leverage."

Hudson was eventually promoted in November 2007 to lieutenant commander, the equivalent of an Army major.

But the negative evaluation is still in his file and makes it unlikely he'll ever be promoted again.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a longtime advocate for whistleblowers, conducted his own inquiry into Hudson's case over the past year and found serious problems.

"The evidence seems to indicate that your office did not ask the Navy one single substantive question about the way the Hudson investigation was being conducted," Grassley wrote in an Oct. 23 letter to Gordon Heddell, who was named acting Pentagon inspector general in July.

Whistleblower reprisal cases are handled by a small team in the inspector general's office called Military Reprisal Investigations, or MRI. It performs the investigation or makes sure the military department in charge does it properly.

Nine out of 10 cases come from soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines. The rest involve defense contractors and Pentagon workers who aren't considered regular federal employees.

**Just over 2,820 cases have been closed since October 2002.**

**Yet in only 187 — or 6.6 percent — did the office find retaliation for whistleblowing.**

**"Good work from the Defense Department inspector general has been the exception, not the rule," said Jesselyn Radack, homeland security director at the Government Accountability Project, a Washington-based public interest group.**

**"For whistleblowers in particular, that office has been a black hole."**

The situation is only slightly better for whistleblowers who don't wear a uniform, according to statistics from the Office of Special Counsel, an independent federal agency that reviews most of the reprisal cases filed by civilian government employees.

From 2002 to 2007 — the latest statistics available — the special counsel received nearly 4,500 reprisal complaints. In 334 of them, or 7.4 percent, the office ruled in favor of the whistleblower.

Military reprisal complaints are supposed to be settled within 180 days.

Yet over the past 10 years, the number of employees assigned to investigate such cases has dropped from 22 to 19 people while the workload has increased by 68 percent, according to a report to Congress. Without more employees, the report said, meeting the 180-day requirement will remain an elusive goal.

The government survey obtained by the AP was conducted in June by the Corporate Leadership Council, a business research company in Arlington, Va. More than half of the nearly 1,500 employees in the inspector general's office responded.

Overall, the survey shows about a third of the work force is "disaffected," describing employees who are weak performers and who do as little work as possible. The bulk,

nearly 66 percent, are classified as “agnostics.” They don’t shirk their work, but they don’t go to great lengths, either. The rest, less than 5 percent, are “true believers” — the high performers completely dedicated to their jobs, according to the survey.

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## **IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP**

### **GET THE MESSAGE?**



Iraqis burn U.S. flags during a protest in Baghdad October 31, 2008. Thousands of people took to the streets to protest against the U.S. occupation and a pact that would allow U.S. forces to stay in Iraq for three more years. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

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## **Resistance Action**

11.3.08 Xinhua & AP & (Reuters)

**Iraqi Deputy Oil Minister Saheb Salman Qutub has been wounded in a bomb attack outside his house in Baghdad, security officials say.**

Salman Qutub is one of three senior undersecretaries in the Oil Ministry.

"Saheb Salman Qutub, was wounded when a roadside bomb detonated as he was leaving his house in the Atefiyah neighborhood," an Interior ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. One of Qutub's bodyguards was also seriously injured by the blast, the source added.

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Two bombs — one of them hidden in a trash can — exploded in Tahariyat square in central Baghdad during the morning rush hour, wounding 10 policemen and damaging nearby shops.

Another bomb exploded around noon near a police patrol in west Baghdad, injuring one policeman.

Another officer died and six others were wounded when their patrol hit a roadside bomb in east Baghdad, police said.

In Baqouba, some 35 miles northeast of the capital, a car bomb exploded in a parking lot across the street from the Diyala provincial council headquarters, killing two policemen. Three policemen were wounded in the blast, which occurred while a government conference going on inside.

A roadside bomb killed one member of U.S.-allied neighbourhood patrol and five of his family, including two women and three children, when it struck their vehicle on Sunday in Buhriz, 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE END THE OCCUPATIONS</b></p>
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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

# **Israeli Soldiers Testimony About The Occupation**

[This article is via Max Watts, who began helping GIs resisting the Vietnam War in the 1960's, and has never stopped helping soldiers opposed to imperialism.]

Breaking The Silence [Israel]

Name: \*\*\*

Rank: First Sergeant

Unit: Nachal

Description:

My Company commander that always tried strive for contact.

Meaning, also when there wasn't and it was boring, he would find places to make contact. If it was a gathering of a lot of people, he would purposely drive slowly with the Jeep, wait until they would stone him, get out with the guys, and start shooting rubber bullets. Also separate the rubber bullets in the canister, so as to shoot single rubber bullets, which is really dangerous.

*And he was allowed to do what he wanted?*

That was the period, it was the wild west.

The Battalion Commander would tell the Company Commander: your guys are in the territories, there is a "code red", what they say today in the US, and manage.

What do you mean "manage"?

There still wasn't a separation into areas, no rules of engagement. Everything is built slowly. How you deal with the fact that the arabs in the area are getting to you. It's like you decide, that until there isn't a constitution, then there is survival of the fittest. Who is giving orders, that doesn't matter.

Whatever is decided will happen. If you are at a point when you think something is right, fire a round into Nablus, so you tell your Commander that you were fired at, and you shoot back.

That's how your commander works as well, and he passes his ideas to the Battalion Commander, who probably also thinks that that is the right way to act.

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Rank: First Sergeant  
Unit: Engineering company, Nahal brigade  
Place of incident: Jericho

Description:

I served in the Jericho area. There was a curfew at the time. There was a flat plateau – a sort of field – through which Palestinians would go out and break the curfew. The IDF dug sort of moats there afterwards to prevent the egress.

I was commanding a jeep patrol whose task was to catch the curfew breakers. It was like a game.

We would apprehend them in the field, bring them back, and they would return... because the sector was a few kilometers long they would pass and we managed to apprehend about one in five.

If we stopped a vehicle, we would take the keys. These were our orders. They would tell us: take the keys and "dry up" the people for a while.

The time it took us to "dry up" the people was decided upon arbitrarily, according to our shift changes and meal times, and it could take between 2 hours and a whole day.

After some time there were a few dozen sets of keys piled up in the jeep... I remember that it got me so mad, that I would stop a taxi driver for the hundredth time - after telling the driver a number of times there's a curfew and he can't pass – until I got highly motivated to confiscate car keys. I felt I was punishing them.

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Rank: Staff sergeant  
Unit: Battalion 202, paratroopers brigade

Description:

*Was the process of confiscating the keys organized?*

What do you mean organized!? And even if it were organized once, it would eventually disappear... you would change it... when we were in the deserted house, it was forbidden to pass there.

A car would pass-"hey! That! Why?' and we would take the keys, the spare keys. 'Go home on foot, your car is here, come back in two days.' We would put the keys upstairs in the deserted house, and then another guard would come, and take their ID card. They took a lot.

*Did they get their keys back?*

Many times they didn't.

Rank: Staff Sergeant  
Unit: 401 Armor unit  
Description:

*What does "crazy mess in the territories" mean?*

Crazy mess...I was in a combat division in which – how to say it in Hebrew? - "there was neither law, nor judge" in this division.

Everybody does whatever he wants.

And I, specifically, did whatever I wanted.

**And 'to do what you like in Rammalla' means, for example, that you have the possibility to drive on the road... you drive on the road and there are cars on the sides and you intentionally drive over the car.**

But I am not talking about 1 or 2 tanks. I am talking about a lot of tanks. I had a lot of commanding officers and many of them were like this.



And in Rafiach , when I used to come there, I would just wake up and shoot 2000 cell.

*What is 2000 cell?*

2000 cell are 2000 machine-gun bullets. Out there they used to shoot at us a lot. Really: every day. Grenades, missiles, everything.

So there was this order that every once in a while all weapons have to shoot towards a wall, so it doesn't hit the houses or anything else.

**But the freedom that we've had...we fired a lot. And 2000 bullets, automatic fire, directed at the whole city, at houses and at doors, was something that everybody did, not just me.**

I do not know why I did it.

*What were you thinking when you did it?*

**I do not know. I was with the gun. I did not think.**

**In the army I never thought.**

**And I used to come home and tell about it to my friends, which means I was not ashamed of it. Nothing.**

**I did what I was told to do. And besides, everybody did it.**

**That was the custom - officers and such, everybody knew. It never happened that they had told me to shoot here or there... and I would stop to think 'what if'...**

**First I took the shot; later, if I thought at all, it would always be too late.**

**I never thought while I was doing that.**

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## **Zionists Building “Wiesenthal Museum Of Tolerance” On Top Of A Muslim Cemetery In Jerusalem**

October 29, 2008 Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information: [ipcri.org](http://ipcri.org)

Can you even imagine the possibility of the State of Israel and the Jerusalem municipality building a Museum of Tolerance on the site of a Muslim Cemetery in the heart of Jerusalem?

Well it is happening. We tried to fight it in court but we lost.

Imagine what would happen if someone in Europe - in Germany or Austria for instance, tried to build a Museum of Tolerance on top of Jewish graves.

The legal battle has been lost, now we must move on to the political battle. We must prevent this museum from being built on that site. Jerusalem will never be a city of peace if this is allowed to move forward.

Jerusalem is the one city in the world where there is a real potential to demonstrate that Jews, Christians and Muslims can live together in peace, understanding and real tolerance. Jerusalem is the place where we can learn to celebrate the diversities of our civilizations. If the construction of this museum is allowed to resume on top of a Muslim cemetery of religious and historical importance in the center of Jerusalem, this Holy city, will never realize its potential.

For the peace of Jerusalem, for the chance of peace, understanding and tolerance between Jews, Muslims and Christians we must stop this dangerous act.

We call on the Government of Israel and the Municipality of Jerusalem to stop the construction of the Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in name of public safety and in protection of the reputation of the State of Israel and the safety of Jews all around the world.

We call on Jerusalemites, Israelis and Palestinians to join our campaign.

We call on the candidates for Mayor of Jerusalem and for the Jerusalem City Council to speak out during the remaining days of the campaign – promise us that you won't let this Museum be built in the Mamilla Cemetery.

We call on the Chief Rabbis of Israel not to let this shame on Judaism take place. In the name of Judaism, do not allow this Museum to be built on top of Muslim graves.

We call on Israelis and Palestinians alike to send letters to your Presidents, Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers urging them to stop the construction of the Museum in that location.

We call on Jews all over to write to the Wiesenthal Center Director Rabbi Hier urging him to change the location of the Museum. We urge Jews everywhere to write to the Government of Israel voice your objection to building a Museum of Tolerance on top of Muslim graves.

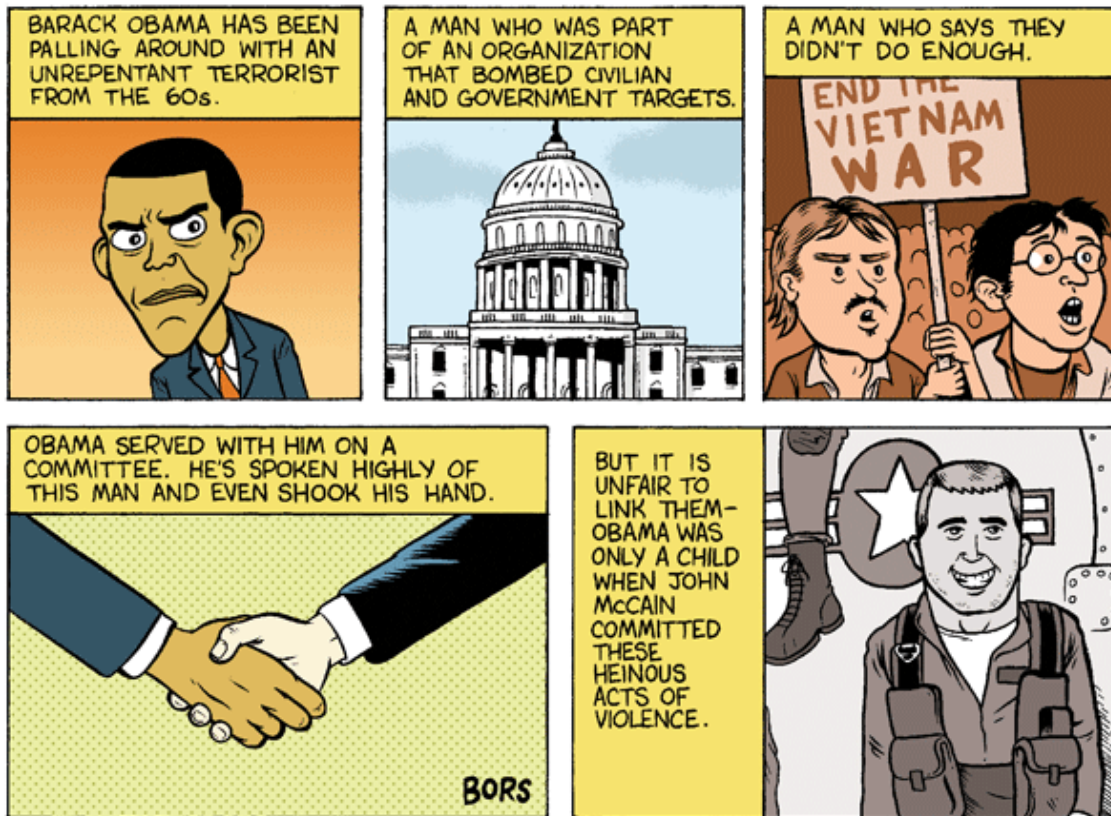
We call on Rabbis around the world to join the campaign. We are looking for several Rabbis who will coordinate organizing a Rabbis letter against the building of the Museum over Muslim graves.

We call on citizens of the world to join the campaign – raise your voices, - write to your own governments urging them to pressure the Israeli government to cease the construction of the Museum in that location.

**[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation by foreign terrorists, go to: [www.rafahtoday.org](http://www.rafahtoday.org) The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]**

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## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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**Killer Cops Butchering More  
And More Unarmed Civilians  
“By Mistake”**

**“One Of The Worst Abuses Of The  
War On Drugs Is The No-Knock  
Warrant That Allows Police**

# **Officers To Burst Into Homes Unannounced, Guns Blazing” “Tarika Wilson, A 26-Year-Old Mother Living In Lima, Ohio, Was Shot And Killed By Police While She Held Her 13- Month-Old Baby In Her Arms” “It’s Cold-Blooded, Senseless Murder”**

**It is the War on Drugs itself that has become the enemy of our security, our freedoms and our rights. And it s DPA that is waking America up to this harsh reality.**

10.26.08 By Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director [Excerpts]  
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**What’s wrong with this picture?**

**You’re the mayor of a small town.**

**You come home after a day at work, find a UPS package on your front step and bring it in.**

**Moments later, gun-toting officers from the County Sheriffs Department burst into your home without knocking and shoot your two Labrador Retrievers.**

**Then, they handcuff you and force you to sit and watch your beloved dogs bleed to death.**

**What happened here?**

It turns out that the package, unbeknownst to Mayor Cheye Calvo of Berwyn Heights, Maryland, contained marijuana. He and his wife were the victims of a drug-smuggling scheme that singled out innocent customers in the UPS system.

But perhaps even worse, they were also innocent victims of the unconscionable War on Drugs.

Yet the Calvos were luckier than some.

**Kathryn Johnston was a 92-year-old African-American woman living in a dangerous Atlanta neighborhood.**

**In the middle of the night, she heard the sound of someone prying off the burglar bars that covered her door. Thinking a criminal was breaking into her house, she got out her gun and fired shots after the door was broken down.**

**But it wasn't burglars. It was the police, armed with a no-knock warrant. They never identified themselves.**

**Instead, they shot at her 39 times.**

**That's right, a 92-year-old woman was shot at 39 times.**

**Then she was handcuffed and left to die.**

The police had made a deadly mistake, invading the wrong home in search of drugs.

**So then they tried to cover up their error by planting drugs in the basement.**

Two of them pleaded guilty to manslaughter last year; a third was recently convicted of perjury.

How can this happen in America?

Whatever happened to our constitutional protection against unreasonable searches and seizures?

The War on Drugs is destroying the lives of far more people than it is saving. Even family pets are being killed in the crossfire.

Just as ominously, this misguided war is unraveling the very fabric of our society and our civil liberties. It must end now!

Because the sad fact is, as much as Americans have to fear drugs, they have more to fear from the War on Drugs.

One of the worst abuses of the War on Drugs is the no-knock warrant that allows police officers to burst into homes unannounced, guns blazing.

The Calvos and Ms. Johnston are far from the only innocent victims.

**This January, Tarika Wilson, a 26-year-old mother living in Lima, Ohio, was shot and killed by police while she held her 13-month-old baby in her arms.**

**The police had burst into her house in search of her boyfriend, who was wanted on drug charges.**

**There were toys on her front porch, making clear to the police that children were home, yet they fired away indiscriminately.**

**That's not "collateral damage" -- it's cold-blooded, senseless murder!**

Just two months earlier, Pam and Frank Myers were watching a movie in their home on a Friday night. All of a sudden, police officers -- members of the same Prince George's County, Maryland, Sheriff's Department that killed the Calvos' dogs -- barged into their house.

**Though it was immediately clear that the police had broken into the wrong home, they held the Myers hostage for 45 minutes. For good measure, the police shot and killed their five- year-old Boxer.**

Last summer, Round Lake Beach, Illinois police got a no-knock warrant and smashed down the door to Robert Tomasetti's apartment following an anonymous -- and erroneous -- tip that drugs were being sold there. They, too, shot his dog dead.

**Several years ago, Alberta Spruill, a church volunteer and city worker in Harlem, was just waking up. It was 6:00 am. Without warning, a battering ram broke down her door and police tossed a flash grenade inside.**

**The trauma and the smoke caused her to have a heart attack. She died on the way to the hospital.**

**And the police never found the drugs they were looking for because there were none to be found.**

**The police were operating on bad information.**

Much as it might seem, these are not the Keystone Kops.

Innocent people are being terrorized, wounded and even killed for no reason other than the wrongheaded policies and practices shaped by elected officials who should know better.

As for their pets, they don't even stand a chance.

Many police departments have instituted arbitrary drug arrest quotas with promotions and raises hanging in the balance.

Politicians run for office on "tough on crime" platforms, and then demand their police departments make high profile drug busts, all so they can hold press conferences bragging about their big hauls and the number of people arrested.

It's outrageous that innocent people are dying due to the War on Drugs. But the problem is even deeper.

**Because even if every house the police break into with a no-knock warrant had drugs inside, would that be worth the toll in human lives?**

**Is it worth bashing down doors and running in with guns blazing to arrest someone who has a stash of marijuana inside, especially when children and other bystanders are at risk?**

It is the system that is broken, not the people.

It is the War on Drugs itself that has become the enemy of our security, our freedoms and our rights.

And it's DPA that is waking America up to this harsh reality.

We need your support so that we can keep shining the spotlight of public outrage on the abuse of no-knock warrants and the carnage that results.

We need your support so that we can continue to build a movement to decriminalize marijuana, both for those that use it medically, and everyone else.

**Let's get medical help, treatment and rehabilitation for those whose lives have been harmed by drug use -- not jail sentences or de facto firing squads in the hallways of their own homes.**

Let's restore the Fourth Amendment right to protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

And let's start grounding all our drug policies in science, compassion, health and human rights.

The time has come to stop the reckless use of no-knock warrants that undermine the rights and endanger the safety of law-abiding citizens -- all in the name of an immoral and unwinnable War on Drugs.

Your donation to DPA will help bring about urgently-needed change -- and it will help save lives!

The real-life horror stories I have shared with you in this letter are only the tip of the iceberg. If a mayor's home is invaded and his dogs are killed or a 92-year-old woman is shot at 39 times by the police, it makes the news.

**But for every incident like this, there are hundreds -- even thousands -- that never get reported.**

**Enough is enough!**

**Please help us stop the violence and end the War on Drugs for good.**

Thank you.  
Ethan Nadelmann

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**Dumbfuck Politicians Ignore Cause Of  
90% Of Sex Crimes Against Kids**

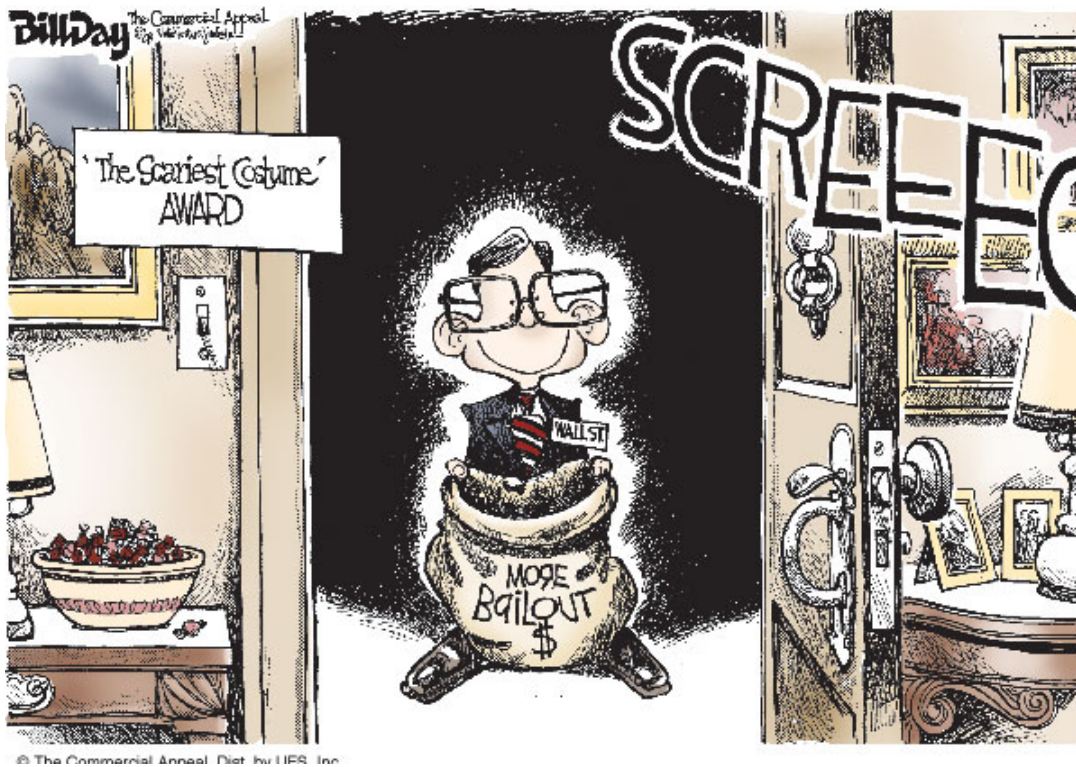
September 2008 Prison Legal News

On December 27, 2007, New Jersey enacted legislation to restrict convicted sex offenders' Internet use. Acting Governor Richard J. Codey relied on public hysteria over several well-publicized cases of online sexual predators to justify his sponsoring and signing the bill.

"We live in scary times," said Codey. "Parents have to worry about people preying on their kids even while they're in the safety of their own homes."

Codey's statement is particularly ironic in light of a recent Human Rights Watch report on sex offender laws in the United States, which found that over 90% of sex crimes against children are committed by someone they know. The newly-enacted Internet restrictions will do nothing to prevent such offenses.

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## **“10% Of The \$700 Billion That Congress Committed To ‘Rescue’ Wall Street Will End Up ‘Rescuing’ The Bank Accounts Of Some Of Wall Street's Richest Players”**

October 28, 2008 Alan Maass, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

**In reality, the mantra that "big government is bad"--shared by most Republicans and Democrats for the past several decades--applies only to certain kinds of big government.**

**Thus, when there was money to be made off high-stakes gambling in the Wall Street casino, the banks and hedge funds and investment firms wanted regulators to keep away.**

But now that the boom has gone bust, only a multitrillion-dollar bailout from the federal government can stop the system from grinding to a halt, and even that might not be enough.

Not only that, but there won't even be any sacrificing at bonus time this year. According to the Guardian, salaries and bonuses for top executives and employees at major banks and investment firms will add up to \$70 billion this year.

**So 10 percent of the \$700 billion that Congress committed to "rescue" Wall Street will end up "rescuing" the bank accounts of some of Wall Street's richest players.**

Now *that's* redistributing the wealth.

When you look at the bigger picture, the U.S. government, its tax system included, serves as a very effective tool of wealth redistribution--but upward, from workers and the poor to the very richest people in society.

The biggest lie of all is that the rich do anything special to deserve the vast sums they possess.

The disaster on Wall Street provides ample evidence.

Every top executive at the big banks was raking in tens of millions of dollars for heading up sophisticated gambling operations--and running them into the ground over the past several years.

Thus, Richard Fuld Jr., former CEO of the Lehman Brothers investment bank, made a half-a-billion-dollar fortune selling his stake in the company as it was crashing toward bankruptcy.

This isn't just true about disgraced Wall Street bookies, but generally about those who run the capitalist economy and its political institutions.

At most, the top executives and owners of big corporations organize the process by which something useful is produced or takes place.

But they get to exercise this control not because of any special talent or ability they possess--not, at least, compared to the collective knowledge and skills of those who do the actual producing and who typically know much more about what takes place in a workplace than the managers above them.

The economic power of those at the top comes from their connection to ownership--whether they're owners themselves, or they manage the enterprises in the name of owners who do even less work.

And if it's true that the rich don't do anything special to deserve to be rich, the opposite is also true--nothing that much larger numbers of working people do justifies the difficulties they face, whether it's those who suffer outright destitution or the larger group of people who get by, but have to struggle to make ends meet.

It says a lot about the view of human nature under capitalism that people are seen as motivated primarily by either the carrot or the stick.

A genuine socialist society would spread the wealth around, without apologies--because its top priority would be to meet the needs of every person in it.

Organizing such a society would require new forms of democracy so that everyone could have a say in how resources were used, what was produced, how it was produced and so on.

**The goal would be a world where every person could have control over their lives and the opportunity to follow their aspirations and hopes.**

**In short: From each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs.**

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## **No End To The Financial Crisis:**

# Rich Girls Must Grow Tomatoes, Runner Beans And Courgettes

Oct. 31 (Bloomberg)

Growing food is on the curriculum at Leaden Hall private school for girls in southwest England, and students can thank the credit crisis.

"Pupils are growing potatoes, tomatoes, runner beans and courgettes," said Diana Watkins, the head teacher of the school of 231 students, including 40 boarders, in the town of Salisbury.

Planting took place in the spring, crops are tended by children and staff, and "every patch of grass is being used," Watkins said.

The money-saving strategy at Leaden Hall, which charges about 13,500 pounds (\$22,000) a year for boarders, underscores how some of Britain's most expensive schools are cutting back on everything from store-bought ingredients to new classrooms in their struggle to contain fees as the credit crisis bites.

Increased competition and costs are forcing some English schools that charge fees, known in the U.K. as public schools, to merge or close.

Perse School for Girls in Cambridge has scrapped plans to introduce a new uniform, said Daniel Murton, the marketing director. Wellington College, opened by Queen Victoria in 1859, canceled as too costly a 25,000-pound sound-and-light show to celebrate its 150th anniversary next summer.

"There's a sense of a tidal wave coming towards us," said Anthony Seldon, the head of the college. "We don't know if it is going to be a large one, an unpleasant one, or a massive one. We think many of our parents will be adversely affected. Some of them will be very significantly affected."

At Wellington, west of London, children who board are charged about 27,000 pounds a year. Former students include Christopher Lee, the actor famed for playing Dracula, and James Hunt, who was a Formula One world champion race-car driver.

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