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Toll Of Wounded U.S. Troops In 2010 So Far Nearly Matches All Of 2009:

**4 Times As Many Wounded As
First Half Of 2009;**

**2010 Also On Track To Be Record
Year For KIA:**

**“2,000 Americans Have Been Wounded
In Afghanistan Through July 3”**



U.S. Army fight pain from injuries they suffered from an IED blast as they are transported aboard a MEDEVAC helicopter from the 101st Airborne Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Shadow on June 25, 2010, near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

July 15, 2010 By LUIS MARTINEZ, ABC News [Excerpts]

Already on track to be the deadliest year ever for American and NATO forces in Afghanistan since the Taliban was overthrown in late 2001, 2010 also will be the worst year ever for numbers of Americans wounded in the war.

In fact, the number of American service members wounded this year already has approached the number wounded for all of 2009.

According to numbers compiled by the Defense Manpower Data Center, 2,000 Americans have been wounded in Afghanistan through July 3. That is almost as many as the 2,139 that were wounded in 2009.

The 2009 wounded figures were themselves a three-fold increase over the previous year.

In another alarming statistic, four times as many American service members have been wounded in the first six months of 2010 as were wounded in the same time frame a year ago.

Through the end of June, 1,922 American service members have been wounded in Afghanistan.

That compares to 485 wounded through the same time period last year.

June not only was the deadliest month ever for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, as 60 service members died in the conflict, but it also was the month that saw the highest number of American wounded.

In June, 517 Americans were wounded, continuing a trend from May, when 406 were wounded.

For comparison, the previous record high since the start of the war in Afghanistan was the 416 wounded in August 2009.

The Taliban insurgency also has increased the number of attacks used against coalition forces in Afghanistan.

For example, through June, the number of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or roadside bombs used by the Taliban in Afghanistan had increased 22 percent over last year's numbers.

The Joint IED Defeat Organization, the Pentagon agency leading the effort to counter the use of roadside bombs in Afghanistan and Iraq, said that through mid-June, IEDs were responsible for 182 coalition fatalities in Afghanistan, which includes American and NATO troops.

They accounted for 1,202 of the total number of coalition wounded through that same period.

MORE:

**62% Of Americans Say The War In
Afghanistan Is Going Badly, Up
From 49% In May:
54% Want Timetable For Getting Out:
[As Usual, It's Smug Arrogant Moralistic
Elitists Who Sneer At The Majority As
Backward Sheep, Thereby Helping The
Imperial Politicians Kill]**

July 13, 2010 by Stephanie Condon, CBS News Poll [Excerpts]

Most Americans continue to say things are going badly for the U.S. in Afghanistan, and those assessments are more pessimistic now than they were just two months ago, a new CBS News poll shows.

Today, the poll finds, 62 percent of Americans say the war is going badly, up from 49 percent in May. Just 31 percent say the war in Afghanistan is going well.

Most Americans -- 54 percent -- think the U.S. should set a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Forty-one percent disagree.

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“Nearly 60 Percent Of American Voters Say They Lack Faith In President Barack Obama”

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Material reality eventually wears away faith and other artificially constructed illusions for a majority subjected to whatever form of economic relations in a given society. Then progress becomes possible.

Increasing numbers recognize that both the Democratic and Republican parties are owned and operated by those who benefit themselves by their control of the wealth of society, and both parties are at root two ways shit is prepared for the majority to eat every national election.

When a sufficient number see that clearly, and understand what it means, then a contest for power will go to the streets, the only battleground where those now in control can be defeated.

And that necessary class war can't succeed unless we win our soldiers to our side, and they are prepared to defy those who command them now, and join the majority against our common oppressors: the small but now dominant class of capitalists who reign in America, make our lives hell, and, unable to provide for our survival, no longer serve a useful purpose, but merely eat out the substance of the land.

Jul 13 Reuters

Nearly 60 percent of American voters say they lack faith in President Barack Obama, according to a public opinion poll published on Tuesday.

The results of the Washington Post/ABC News poll are a reversal of what voters said at the start of Obama's presidency 18 months ago when about 60 percent expressed confidence in his decision making.

Confidence in Obama is at a new low but the poll found that his numbers are still higher than lawmakers of either major party four months ahead of the November congressional elections.

Asked how much confidence they have in Obama to make the right decisions for the country's future, 58 percent of respondents said "just some" or "none."

Sixty-eight percent expressed the same sentiments about Democrats in Congress and 72 percent said the same of Republicans.

The Post said problems in the housing industry, sluggish job growth and other economic issues may have taken a toll on Obama's approval rating.

Just 43 percent of all Americans, including a third of Democrats, now say they approve of the job Obama is doing on the economy, while 54 percent disapprove.

The survey also found wide anti-incumbent sentiment with 62 percent of voters saying they were not inclined to support their current representative.

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IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Resistance Action

July 11 (Reuters) & Jul 13 By BARBARA SURK, Associated Press Writer & Reuters & AFP & July 14 (Reuters) & July 15 (Reuters)

A mortar round fell on Baghdad's fortified Green Zone where government offices and embassies are located, an Interior Ministry source said. No one was injured.

A roadside bomb exploded near an Iraqi army patrol, wounding one soldier, in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A bomb attached to a vehicle killed a senior appeal court judge in the western Baghdad district of Yarmouk, an Interior Ministry source said.

Armed men threw a hand grenade at a police security checkpoint in the Ghazaliya district of western Baghdad, wounding three people, including two policemen, an Interior Ministry source said.

A hand grenade thrown at a security checkpoint in the Saidiya district of southern Baghdad wounded two policemen and one other person, an Interior Ministry source said.

Guerrillas opened fire on a security checkpoint in the Karrada district of central Baghdad, wounding three people, including two policemen, an Interior Ministry source said.

A bomb attached to a car in the Bayaa district of southwest Baghdad wounded a member of the Sahwa, or Sons of Iraq, U.S.-allied former insurgents.

A bomb attached to a car wounded a civil servant in the Binoog district of northern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb wounded a local private security contractor and three guards when it hit their convoy in western Mosul, police said.

Insurgents in a car killed Maythem Shkair, an official in charge of foreign relations for the Baghdad governor's office, on Saturday in the western Harithiya district of the Iraqi capital, an interior ministry source and the governor's office said.

A man threw a hand grenade at an Iraqi police checkpoint wounding two policemen in central Mosul, police said.

Insurgents opened fire at a police checkpoint killing two policemen in western Mosul, police said.

One policeman was wounded when a bomber blew himself up as police was trying to arrest him in southwest Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

A roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi police patrol wounded one policeman in eastern Mosul, police said.

Insurgents threw a hand grenade at an Iraqi army patrol while they were searching a house killing one soldier in Tal Afar, 420 km (260 miles) northwest of Baghdad, police said.

On Tuesday, militants stormed the house of a local commander of a government-backed militia in Youssifiyah, killing him, his wife and two of his children and his brother, said police and hospital officials in the town 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of Baghdad. The area sees frequent attacks targeting members of security forces which have sided with US forces.

In eastern Baghdad, a policeman died when roadside bomb detonated near a police patrol.

A car bomb exploded near a police patrol, killing four policemen in a commercial street in central Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

8 U.S. Troops Killed In 24 Hours: Total Of 12 Foreign Troops Killed

7.14.10 MSNBC & By MIRWAIS KHAN (AP)

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Eight American troops were killed in a series of attacks in southern Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday as Taliban militants pushed back against an effort to secure the volatile region.

An attacker slammed a car bomb into the gate of the headquarters of the elite Afghan National Civil Order Police late Tuesday in Kandahar, a NATO statement said. Minutes later, insurgents opened fire with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

The Civil Order Police compound in Mirwais Miani district was near one of the 11 new checkpoints set up in recent weeks around the city, Kandahar provincial spokesman Zulmi Ayubi said.

Three U.S. troops, an Afghan policeman and five civilians died in the attack, but NATO said the insurgents failed to enter the compound.

The dead civilians included three Afghan translators and two security guards, Kandahar provincial police chief Sardar Mohammad Zazai said.

The special police unit, known as ANCOP, had only recently been dispatched to Kandahar to set up checkpoints along with international forces to try to secure the south's largest city, the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi telephoned reporters Wednesday to claim responsibility for the attack. He said five of their fighters, equipped with automatic rifles and explosive vests attacked the base.

Two militants were killed by their bombs while three others fled the area after one-and-a-half hours of fighting, Ahmadi said in a statement.

On Wednesday, four more American troops were killed by a roadside bomb in the south, while one more U.S. service member died the same day of wounds from a gunbattle.

Wednesday's deaths bring to 12 the number of foreign troops killed in the past 24 hours.

Officials on Wednesday confirmed that the government representative in the troubled southern district of Marjah had been replaced, barely six months after a major U.S. military offensive to retake the area from the Taliban.

Provincial spokesman Daoud Ahmadi said Haji Zahir has been replaced as district chief as part of a "reform procedure."

He would not say if Zahir was removed because of continued instability in Marjah.

The southern farming town — much like the current Kandahar push — was intended to be a showcase of good Afghan governance after combined Afghan and international forces expelled the Taliban, but authorities have struggled to consolidate their control.

Hodges, the American commander, said Zaher was ousted for refusing to take a qualification test required under Afghan law.

He said he did not have details but suspected the test requirement was waived when Zaher was first recruited as district chief.

Afghan Soldier Kills 3 British Soldiers In Babaji; Four More Wounded

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

July 13, 2010 By RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr., The New York Times & Ministry Of Defense [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan soldier killed three British soldiers serving as part of Combined Force Nahr-e Saraj (South), in a premeditated attack in Helmand Province early Tuesday, and then escaped into the night, Afghan officials said.

Four other British soldiers were wounded in the attack, said Gen. Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry.

“Last night, at 2 a.m., one soldier from the National Army opened fire on soldiers from our friend, Britain,” General Azimi said. “The incident happened in the Babaji region of Helmand Province. As a result, three British soldiers lost their lives and four others were injured.”

He added: “The soldier fled in the darkness of the night. Investigations are under way.”

A senior Afghan officer in Helmand, Gen. Ghulam Farook Parwani, said the killer used a rocket-propelled grenade, and he described the attacker as a member of the Shiite Hazara sect from Ghazni Province.

An attack by a Hazara would be highly unusual. The Hazara, badly persecuted during Taliban rule, are far more supportive of Western forces than the Pashtuns, the ethnic group that dominates the Taliban.

Nor was it clear whether the Taliban was involved in the attack. A Taliban spokesman said he did not know anything about the killings.

But later, the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors militant statements, reported that a Taliban communiqué claimed that the Afghan soldier had surrendered to the Taliban and was then taken to a “safe place.”

On Tuesday, the British military said the three dead soldiers were members of First Battalion, Royal Gurkha Rifles, and that the attacker was a “lone individual” who had used a “combination of weapons.”

Florida Soldier Killed At Asadabad



U.S. Army Spc. Carlos J. Negrón, 40, of Fort Myers, Fla died Saturday at Asadabad, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with rifle and small arms fire. Negrón was assigned to the 426th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. (AP Photo/U.S. Army)

Fort Campbell Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

July 15, 2010 Associated Press.

A Fort Campbell soldier has died in Afghanistan.

A news release from the Army post says 23-year-old Pfc. Brandon M. King of Tallahassee, Fla., died Wednesday in an attack by at Combat Outpost Nolan near Kandahar Province.

King was a field artillery automated tactical data system specialist assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

He entered the Army in September 2009 and arrived at Fort Campbell, a sprawling Army base on the Kentucky-Tennessee line, in April.

King is survived by his parents, Gary S. and Carolyn A. King of Tallahassee.

A memorial ceremony will be held in Afghanistan.

Whitehall Man Killed In Afghanistan

July 15, 2010 By Matt Assad, OF THE MORNING CALL

A Whitehall soldier was killed and his best friend, from North Whitehall, was seriously injured Wednesday when their convoy hit a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, according to a family member.

Army Spc. Jesse Reed, 26, a 2002 Whitehall High School graduate, was killed and his best friend, Adam Keys, 25, of North Whitehall, was critically injured, according to Keys' wife, Rosie Keys.

Reed – who lived at Fort Bragg, N.C., with his wife, Heather and their two children – was a member of the 618th Engineer Co. Keys serves in the same heavy-equipment unit.

Arizona Soldier Dies Of Afghan Wounds

July 14, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 617-10

Spc. Christopher J. Moon, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., died July 13 at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device on July 6 in Arghandab, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Foreign Occupation Soldier Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

July 11 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today.

Royal Marine from 40 Commando Royal Marines Killed In Sangin

13 Jul 10 Ministry of Defence

It is with sadness that the Ministry of Defence must announce that a marine from 40 Commando Royal Marines was killed in Afghanistan on Tuesday 13 July 2010.

The marine, who was serving as part of Combined Force Sangin, was shot while on foot patrol in the Sangin District of Helmand Province.

North Carolina Sgt. Killed Near Char Dara

July 12, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 603-10

Sgt. Donald R. Edgerton, 33, of Murphy, N.C., died July 10 near Char Dara, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Texas SSG Killed Near Walakan

July 12, 2010 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No. 604-10

Staff Sgt. Jesse W. Ainsworth, 24, of Dayton, Texas, died July 10 near Walakan, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Fairfax Station Soldier, 25, Killed By IED In Afghanistan Just Days Shy Of His Birthday

June 23, 2010 by Gregg MacDonald | Staff Writer, Fairfax Times

A U.S. Army infantryman from Fairfax Station was killed Friday in Afghanistan -- three days shy of his 26th birthday -- by insurgents who attacked his infantry regiment with a roadside bomb, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of the 8000 block of Chippenham Court in Fairfax Station, died when his dismounted patrol encountered an improvised explosive device in the Zhari District, Kandahar, Afghanistan, the Pentagon has confirmed.

"Roadside bombs are commonly placed along Afghan roadways by insurgents," Army spokesman George Wright said.

A family member told Fairfax County Times that Monday would have been Park's 26th birthday and that his mother was taking the news especially hard.

Park was an infantryman assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

He joined the Army in August 2009 and arrived at Fort Campbell in January, according to Fort Campbell officials.

His awards and decorations include: the National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Infantry Badge and Weapons Qualification, M4, expert.

Park is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

Dade County Remembers Fallen Marine

June 29, 2010 By John Pless, News Channel 9

It is a grim first for Dade County - a young man, husband and father, lost during combat operations in Afghanistan.

20-year-old William Taylor Richards was killed Saturday while his Marine unit was engaged in combat operations in the Helmand Province. Richards was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Word is quickly spreading throughout Dade County about Richard's passing. People are sharing their memories and thoughts of a young man who followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps to become a United States Marine.

"He was excited to be a Marine and it was kind of a family tradition to him and he wanted to keep it up," Larry Case said.

It was at Case's Ace Hardware store in Trenton where Richards worked part time during winters and full time during summers before he became a Marine.

We found Dade County High School 2008 year book pictures of Richards sporting a goat tee and holding a guitar. He is remembered as being a musician in a blue grass band, courteous and respectful.

"He was just a good kid, he had a good rapport with people, people liked him that he waited on and he was a happy guy," Case said.

At Dade County High School teachers and assistant principals described Richards as being "a good kid who didn't get into trouble."

Upon entering the military he decided to marry his high school sweetheart, Emily Christine Mitchell. The couple have a nine-year-old daughter, Kayden Leigh.

The Commander of American Legion Post 106 in Trenton, Bill Lockhart, is handling the logistics for a proper farewell for Richards. His body just returned to American soil in Dover, Delaware.

The news from Afghanistan has been grim the last few months with American casualties rising.

"All of a sudden you're not just talking about the war, you're feeling the affects of the war and it's terrible, it's just terrible," Lockhart said.

Lockhart remembers Richards being part of the Veterans Day parade in Trenton last November and how excited he was to be going overseas to serve his country.

"He was well rounded, he was a very stern young man and he had goals," Lockhart said.

Case said "he was a patriot, he was a good young man and one that you'd be proud to know, and I am."

We're told Richard's wife Emily had been in the process of moving the couple and their baby daughter back to Dade County from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Rocket Attack Hits Kandahar NATO Base, No Bulgarians Injured

July 12, 2010 Novinite.com

The NATO base near Kandahar in Afghanistan has been attacked by rockets at 10.26 am local time, Bulgaria's defense ministry announced on Monday.

There have been no reports of Bulgarian casualties or material damages.

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Occupation Fuel Convoys Attacked Again And Again And Again And Again



Oil tankers taking supplies to foreign military forces in neighboring Afghanistan burn after an attack by militants, in Pabbi near Peshawar, Pakistan, July 13, 2010. The fire also destroyed other trucks parked nearby. (AP Photo/Mohammad Sajjad)

And Again

14 July 2010 Quqnoos

Unidentified insurgents set fire to a NATO supplying car on Tuesday midnight in the eastern Laghman province

A group of unknown insurgents set fire to a NATO supplying car at around twelve o'clock on Tuesday night in Qarghayi district of Laghman province, said the spokesman for the governor of Laghman, Sayed Ahmad Shah Safi.

The insurgents captured two of the vehicles' drivers.

More Resistance Action: 11 Policemen, District Governor Killed

July 11, 2010 DPA & Reuters & AP & 14 July 2010 By MIRWAIS KHAN (AP) & July 16, 2010, Gulf News

Kunduz

A district governor was killed by a roadside bomb in northern Afghanistan where two separate insurgent attacks killed at least 11 policemen, officials said on Sunday. Maalem Aziz, administrative chief of Qaleh Zal district in Kunduz province, was killed on Saturday night when his vehicle was struck by a bomb in Pangark area, Mohammad Omar, the provincial governor, said.

Aziz's driver was also killed in the blast, while his son and bodyguard were injured, Omar said.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid took responsibility for the attack.

A police vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in Keshem district of usually peaceful Badakhshan province late Saturday, killing five policemen, provincial police chief Agha Noor Kentooz said.

Taliban militants also attacked a police post in Kunduz's Emam Saheb district near Tajikistan Saturday night, killing six policemen, Mohammad Ayoub Haqyar, the district governor, said.

A border police official said that nine policemen were killed in the attack.

Northern Afghanistan was once relatively calm, but Taliban and other militants have become increasingly active in the past two years.

A homemade bomb killed two security guards traveling on a road in eastern Paktika province.

Insurgents captured five Health Ministry employees in the volatile southern Afghan province of Kandahar

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US Army soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division unearthen a cache of explosive materials in the village of Kuhakin Arghandab District, north of Kandahar July 7, 2010. REUTERS/Bob Strong



U.S. soldiers with the 67th Engineer Detachment during a battle with Taliban militants near the village of Jilga in Arghandab District north of Kandahar July 8, 2010. Photo: REUTERS/Bob Strong

TROOP NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



The remains of five Army soldiers at Dover Air Force Base, July 7, 2010. The five soldiers were killed in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

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Reporting from Germany**

**“EVEN BEFORE I HAD LEFT THE NAVY I
REALIZED THAT I WAS NOT PROTECTING
FREEDOM OR DEFENDING THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITES STATES”**

By F. Bouthillette (USNR, Veteran, Iraq Theatre)

**MORE ARMY LIFE: “INTELLIGENCE IS NOT
REQUIRED TO BE A SENIOR IN THE
MILITARY”**

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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.

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Hit the Showers! A Gay Veteran Responds To The DADT Repeal Survey And The Pentagon's Gay Sex Obsession

July 12, 2010 By Rob Smith, U.S. Army veteran; HuffingtonPost.com, Inc.

Sometimes when I walk down the street, I can barely contain myself when I see an attractive man in my proximity.

It's true. Gay/Straight/Bi, sexual orientation really doesn't matter. What does matter is that the hot homosexual blood that runs through me sometimes momentarily puts me in heat.

Like Christina Ricci's nymphomaniac character in *Black Snake Moan*, I get the shakes. I feel uncontrollable desire come over me that I can't let go. I begin to sweat, the blood rushes through my veins, and I know that I must have him right then and there, regardless of the circumstances.

I sometimes wonder how on earth I managed to suppress this desire for the 5 years I served in the U.S. Army.

How I possibly managed to work, live, and go to war with all of these heterosexual soldiers when being gay obviously meant that my mind was utterly consumed with sexual fantasies about them at all times. When I look at the questions that are being asked of active duty soldiers when it comes to the possibility of repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell via this new survey, it's as if the people who came up with them were looking into my brain.

There are people who go into the military for all kinds of reasons. Some have a family history of service, some are looking for a path to a college education, and some have been compelled to do so by some of the events of the past few years, but the gay soldiers? Totally in it for the sex.

If you've never met a gay person or even had the slightest question about how we operate: let me assure you that it is quite true. We are sex-obsessed deviants, and if you ever think for a second that we're anything more, well then I guess the goal of the Homosexual Agenda has been reached and we can all do brunch. Hell, maybe a few of us can get married and Destroy Traditional Marriage while we're at it.

The way some of the survey questions are structured is enough to make one think that its creators are as obsessed with gay sexuality as those who practice it regularly.

In fact, the survey really hit the nail on the head with the whole shower thing.

I wasn't able to shower for the first three weeks of my tour in Iraq, and what do you think I was looking forward to the most when I finally got the opportunity to take one?

Was it perhaps the opportunity to remove the thick film of gruel that encased my skin no matter how many times I wiped myself down with the wet naps provided with our meals? If you thought that, you were wrong. It was obviously the opportunity to sneak a peek at other soldiers in the showers, soldiers who were equally if not more as disgusting as me at that point. Sexy, right?

I sure thought so, but imagine my SHOCK that there were private showers! In Iraq! It was almost enough to make me want to give my two weeks' notice right then and there.

I was all set to do my legwork and try to dig up the surveys that they gave the troops when they integrated African-Americans and females into the military when I found that they didn't. Can you imagine?

Leaders during that time actually issued an order and didn't survey the troops under their command about their feelings on the matter.

It kind of makes me sad that this overwhelming concern with the troops' feelings when it comes to enacting change in the military is such a new thing, because if it weren't, I know I would've had plenty to say about going to serve in Iraq and that they would've had to have created a fairly lengthy survey to convince me.

Some gay people are offended by the questioning in the survey. They think it's sex-obsessed, that the questions are leading, and that the very existence of the survey highlights the negative attitude of the current administration toward repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Not me though.

As a practicing homosexual I think it's important to protect those innocent, defenseless soldiers from prying gay eyes and most importantly from the possibility of having to live and work along gay soldiers.

I mean, who knows what could happen if Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed? Perhaps people would become more tolerant? Perhaps most soldiers are already aware of gays in their units and the whole thing would be greeted with a big shrug anyway? Maybe gay soldiers would just be able to serve and live their lives without fear of being fired? Maybe trust and unit cohesion would build between all soldiers, since DADT really only serves to undermine that.

Or maybe evil, sex-obsessed super-gays would finally be able to be unmasked and unleashed, and turn the U.S. Military into a gay orgy of epic proportions.

You know, either/or.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies.
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

**It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it.
-- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers**

July 14, 1789:
Magnificent Anniversary:
**“Revolutionaries And Mutinous Troops
Stormed And Dismantled The Bastille”**

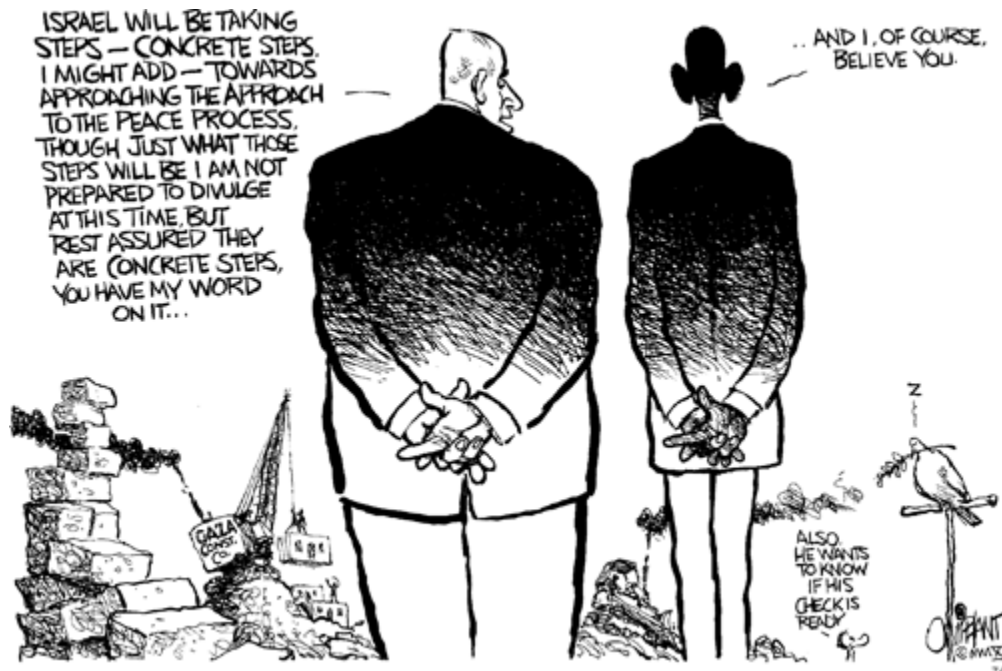


Carl Bunin Peace History

Bastille Day in France: Parisian revolutionaries and mutinous troops stormed and dismantled the Bastille, a royal fortress converted to a state prison, that had come to symbolize the tyranny of the Bourbon monarchs.

This dramatic action was proof that power no longer resided in the King as God's representative, but in the people, and signaled the beginning of the French Revolution and the First Republic.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE



Hundreds Of Zionists Storm Nablus Village, Beat Up 67 Year-Old Palestinian Man

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Hundreds of Zionist settlers stormed the village of Awarta, east of Nablus, at dawn Monday under protection of a large number of Zionist occupation forces, sources in Nablus city said.

They added that the settlers, mounting several buses, entered the village and offered Toratic rituals as the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) declared the village a closed military zone, blocking all traffic in and out of it. Eyewitnesses reported that 400 settlers broke into the village claiming that Islamic graves were the burial site of their prophets, which raised fears among the villagers that the allegation was meant as a prelude to laying the settlers' hands on those graveyards.

In Al-Khalil, settlers from Kiryat Arba beat up a 67-year-old Palestinian man on Sunday evening, local sources said, adding that Jadallah Al-Jabari was hospitalized following the assault.

Meanwhile, the IOF soldiers detained six Palestinians during incursions in Al-Khalil and Jenin districts at dawn Monday. Yediot Ahrnot quoted military sources as saying that three Palestinians were detained in Qabatia, Jenin, and three others in Al-Khalil district.

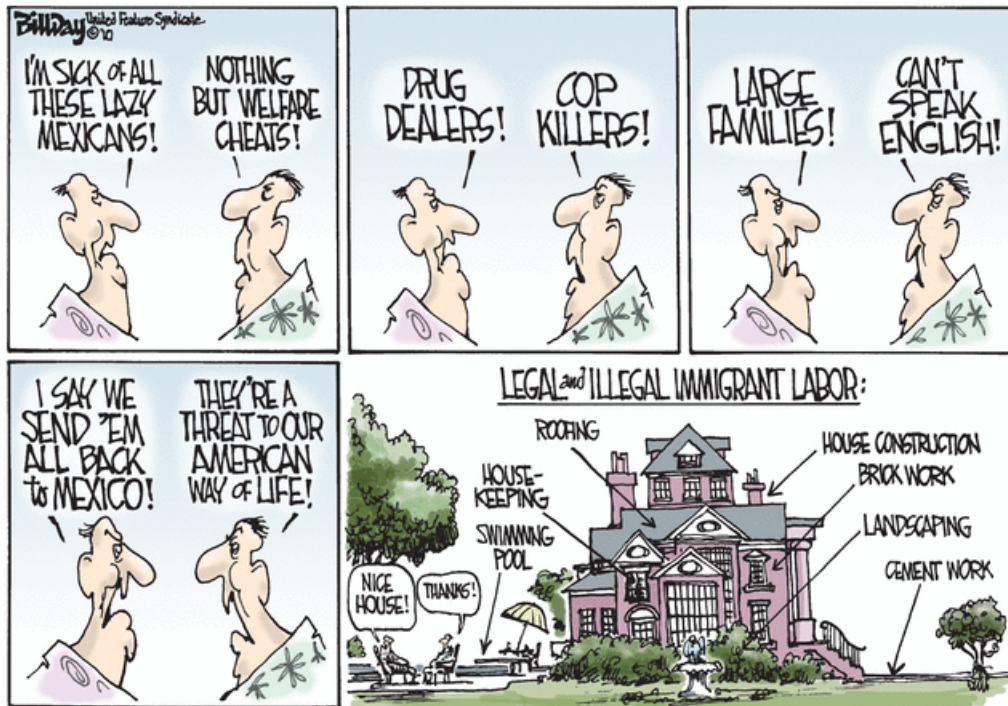
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DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



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Thailand:

Soldier Says "I Will Join Red Shirt Protests If There Is Another Round

After I Discharge From Military Service”

“My Friend Became A Red Shirt Guard After Leaving The Army”

Veteran Says “I Want To Fight” “I Really Hate The Army Seeing What They’ve Done Against Protesters Who Ask For Democracy”

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July 11, 2010 By Lee Yu Kyung, Green Left Weekly [Excerpts]

On July 6, the Thai government approved the extension of an emergency decree in 19 provinces, which includes many in the heartland of the pro-democracy Red Shirts in the country’s north-east.

In rural provinces, authorities have intensified royalist campaigning since the crackdown. Some village heads in the north-east (or Isan) have received two types of forms from the interior ministry.

The first one is for the collection of signatures from the population for an oath of loyalty to Thailand’s monarchy.

The oath reads: “This person wants to show their willingness to worship the monarchy... and to protect the monarchy with his or her life.”

A village head in Kalasin province said: “I was told to collect 300 signatures in my village. But I’m afraid I couldn’t because some of the 500 villagers actually reside in other areas.”

The second form is for “joining the ‘monarchy protection group’”. It instructs village heads to “organise” 20 people to “implement” the royalist oath. The idea appears to be to organise a type of royalist village militia.

Villagers, many of whom are Red Shirt supporters, are disturbed by the forms. To justify its murderous crackdown, in which more than 90 people were killed between March and May, the government accused the Red Shirts of being against the monarchy.

Historically, Isan has been a center of rebellion.

Fifty-seven year-old Yon Ngonsuk, another Red Shirt supporter from the same village, wasn't shy about talking about his past role in the anti-communist counter-insurgency.

Yon served in the Volunteer Defense Corps, the biggest paramilitary forces during the anti-communist campaign.

He said soldiers were willing to shoot people then, as they did in the May 19 bloody crackdown.

"We didn't know who was a communist or not", Yon said. "But in an operation, we had to think everyone was a communists.

"It's similar to the way Abhisit accused Red Shirts of being terrorists without clarification."

Yon said he didn't choose to join the paramilitaries. At 18, he was arrested by armed forces while helping communist guerrillas and forced to enter military training.

The slogan Yon heard from his captors almost four decades ago was the same as that broadcast by army speakers to the Red Shirt camp in Bangkok during the crackdown — that all Thais should love each other and not fight.

"Initially, they didn't say communists were bad. Instead they said we were all Thai."

Such patriotic love disappeared, however, once soldiers got orders to shoot. Yon was instructed to shoot-to-kill anyone he came across on sight.

He was discharged from the unit in the early '90s and returned to normal life.

"Even though I was with the military for 20 years, I really hate the army seeing what they've done against protesters who ask for democracy.

"I want to fight. Whenever there's repression, we want to fight more."

Fifty-eight year-old Pravit (name changed) is a Red Shirt supporter from Kalasin. He spent uneasy days and nights while taking part in the months-long protests in Bangkok.

It was not his fear of repression that disturbed him, but the chance of a violent confrontation with his youngest son, 22-year-old Thongchai.

His son, like many young men in Thailand's impoverished north, has been on military service as a conscript since November. Pravit was constantly contacting his son, whose normal duty was securing Suvarnaphumi airport, to find out if his unit would be dispatched anywhere near the protest site.

In the end, Pravit returned home from Bangkok on April 7, before the bloody crackdown.

He had planned to return to Bangkok, but didn't dare to after deadly clashes on April 10, in which his son took part.

Sitting next to his father, Thongchai, on leave from service, said: "It was just terrible to face off with people who might be my friends, neighbours or relatives. We were told to disperse protesters, but I never expected such deadly consequence."

He said he rarely discussed the events of the bloody day with his father.

"I will join Red Shirt protests if there is another round after I discharge from military service. My friend became a Red Shirt guard after leaving the army."

Some observers cautiously predict an armed insurgency.

One Red Shirts supporter in Khon Ken province, who doesn't wish to be named, said: "There are many people here who would join an underground movement or even armed insurgency if somebody would initiate it."

Another supporter in Mukdahan pondered the question of armed insurgency. She said. "I'm not sure if it could be similar to the communist insurgency era. But yes, I could provide food and shelter for them."

Oil Executives Home Bombed

July 10, 2010 Erik Barajas, KTRK

HOUSTON -- Local and federal investigators were at a northwest Houston home Friday night where an explosion sent a woman to the hospital.

The woman was opening a package left at her doorstep in the 2100 block of Seamist Court Friday evening. She had found the shoe-sized box in front of her home about a day ago but didn't decide to open it until around 6:30pm Friday.

The woman, who officials said is in her 60s, took the box to the backyard and opened it on the patio. That's when it exploded.

"Don't know where it came from -- postal service or whether it was dropped off. I don't have that information yet," said HPD Lt. Colin Weatherly. "The person went outside, basically opened the packaged; it detonated."

Residents told Eyewitness News that when the bomb went off, it sounded like a transformer blew.

The woman was transported to Northwest Memorial Hospital with facial injuries that are not life-threatening.

Officials with the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as the Houston Police Department's homicide and bomb squad were at the scene investigating.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the house was targeted, however, Eyewitness News found out the home is owned by an oil company executive.

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