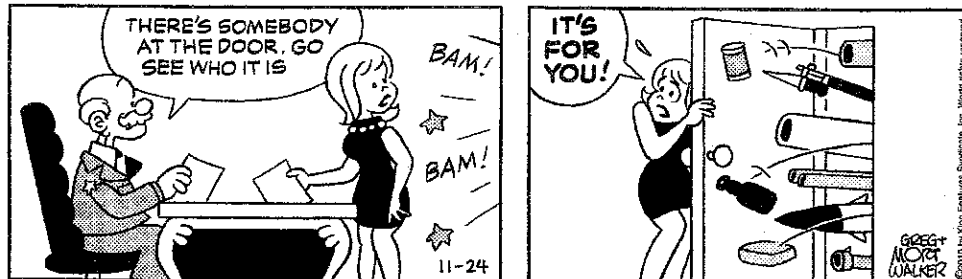


## **Military Resistance 8K20**



# **“More Americans Now Oppose The War In Afghanistan Than Support It” Significant Increase In Opposition Since September 9 Poll**

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

11.17.2010 AFP

WASHINGTON — More Americans now oppose the war in Afghanistan than support it, a new poll showed Thursday, the latest sign of waning public backing for the US-led mission.

The Quinnipiac University poll also found a large majority of Americans want to see an end to the ban on gays serving openly in the military, including voters with a family member in uniform.

**Fifty percent of those surveyed said the United States should not be involved in Afghanistan, with 44 percent supporting the US military presence, said the poll.**

**In a September 9 poll by Quinnipiac University, 49 percent of Americans endorsed the war effort, while 41 percent expressed opposition.**

When asked about repealing the law banning gay troops from serving openly, 58 percent supported scrapping the rule, with 38 percent favoring retaining it.

Among voters with a member of the military in their family, 55 percent favored repeal and 38 percent opposed the change.

It was the first time the survey had found military families supporting ending the ban, known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?**

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

## **IRAQ WAR REPORTS**

### **U.S. Soldier Killed By Insurgent Sniper At Salahuddin Government Headquarters**

Nov 21 (Reuters)

A U.S. soldier died from wounds sustained from enemy small arms fire during operations in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said. It gave no further details and did not specify where the incident occurred.

An Iraqi policeman in the northern city of Tikrit reported a U.S. soldier was hit by sniper fire at the Salahuddin provincial council headquarters.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE  
END THE OCCUPATION**

## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Foreign Occupation "Servicemember" Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan:**

# Nationality Not Announced

November 21 Reuters

A foreign servicemember died as a result of a non-battle related injury in southern Afghanistan yesterday.

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## Sgt. Michael Paranzino Of Middletown, R.I., Killed In Explosion In Afghanistan



The remains of Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Paranzino, 22, of Middletown, R.I., died Nov. 5 in Kandahar, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. AP photo / Steve Ruark

November 12, 2010 By C. Eugene Emery Jr., Journal Staff Writer

MIDDLETOWN — They were proud to be there in Boston in August 2007, when their son was sworn in as a volunteer in the Army. They were there in Kentucky when he graduated from advanced basic training.

But Saturday night, the family of Sgt. Michael F. Paranzino, a 2006 graduate of Middletown High School, were present for an honor they would have gladly forsaken as his flag-draped coffin was somberly removed from a plane at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The Department of Defense said Paranzino, just shy of 23, was killed Friday by an improvised explosive device while serving near Kandahar in Afghanistan. The decorated soldier had been a cavalry scout with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

He had been in Afghanistan since March, after serving a tour in Iraq.

Throughout the day on Sunday, an electronic sign in front of the Middletown Police Department summed it up in flashing lights: "MPD salutes fallen hero Sgt. Michael Paranzino."

More honors will follow once the Army releases his body and he is brought back to Rhode Island for burial. Those arrangements were still incomplete Sunday.

Paranzino leaves behind a wife, Lindsey, and sons Maxton and Logan, all in Calcium, N.Y., outside Fort Drum, and his parents, Melane and Francis "Butch" Paranzino of Middletown.

Being a soldier was a job Michael did proudly, his sleep-deprived father said Sunday afternoon. He and his wife had just returned from the "dignified transfer" ceremony marking the return of their son late Saturday night at Dover.

Family and friends were beginning to arrive at the home, tucked away at the edge of a farm on Vanicek Avenue. A friend, fresh from church where a Mass of Remembrance was said on Michael's behalf, brought food. Others lingered sorrowfully in the kitchen. The Paranzino answering machine gave a beep every 10 seconds, signifying messages waiting to be checked.

"He was a very good soldier," Butch Paranzino said. "Needless to say, we were very proud of him."

Michael Paranzino graduated from Middletown High School in 2006. He did some wrestling there. He was also a good archer, his mother said.

He didn't want to go to college right away and explored other options, such as working at a tent company and toiling on fishing boats. Ultimately he decided to volunteer for the military.

"He said, 'I don't want to be a nobody and hang around here. I want to make something of my life,'" his father recalled.

Butch and Melane stood with him when he took his oath in Boston. "When he completed his advanced basic training, we were there at Fort Knox" in Kentucky, the father said.

"He learned what it was to work hard, respect authority and discipline. As a youngster, he kind of made his own rules," Butch said. The Army "was very good for him. It was wonderful, except for the danger."

Butch Paranzino said his son was proud of how far he had come as a soldier.

"He did like it. He was doing what he wanted to do. I don't think there was any talking him out of it," he said. "He went from teenager to man," intent on providing for his family, being a good son and being a good soldier to his country.

"He took pride in the responsibility he had for the other guys. When he made sergeant, I asked how it felt. And he said, 'Well, can you imagine being in charge of a bunch of crazy teenagers with guns?' So even at 22, he had that parental attitude."

Cell-phone and Internet service wasn't easy to come by in that region of Afghanistan. "I would either get a text message, a phone call or some contact by Facebook every 7 to 10 days," Melane said.

"As a parent, you live to hear that he said something," said Butch, especially when "we knew it was a very active area" of Afghanistan.

"Even if he said something to someone else," she explained, "I knew he logged on and he was okay."

Melane would send him weekly care packages of clean socks, beef jerky and homemade peanut butter balls.

The couple last saw their son two weeks ago. "He was back here on a mid-tour leave and we had the absolute best time," Butch Paranzino said, then fighting back tears. "He promised us he'd come home safe."

Sunday, Melane Paranzino wore a necklace consisting of Michael's identification, along with dog-tag-size photos of her soldier.

"I wore these during his first tour (in Iraq). He got an extra dog tag and gave it to me," she said. As for the pendant with photos on either side, "I had this made because I wanted to be able to see him and keep him close to my heart. And now, I'll never take them off."

"I believe he's a hero," Butch Paranzino said. "He fought so we can have what we enjoy here. Whatever challenges you have in your life, if you think of him and do the best you can to succeed, you're honoring his memory."

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## **Hoyleton, Illinois Family Grieves For Fallen Marine Killed In Afghanistan**

11.7.2010 By Kathleen Berger, KSDK

The body of a fallen Marine is brought home to Hoyleton, Illinois this Veterans Day at Mid America Airport in Mascoutah.

The family of Marine Staff Sgt. Jordan Emrick says he knew this could happen, saying he knew his father could one day wait for the plane that would bring him home to his resting place in Hoyleton, Illinois. "Jordan died doing what he wanted to do and he died defending the country," said Terry Emrick, Jordan's father.

Terry Emrick remembers the day his son's life took a different path. It was September 11, 2001.

"That kind of inspired him to make his career change. He was scheduled to go to college. He was going to go to St. Louis College of Pharmacy," Emrick said.

Instead, Staff Sgt. Emrick spent eight years in the Marines, specializing in the disposal of explosives. He was part of an EOD company out of Camp Pendleton.

“Thoroughly enjoyed it. He knew what his job was and he knew his job well,” Emrick said.

So well, his son enlisted for another four years, but had plans after serving his 12th year.

“He felt at that point and time he might want to do something different and start a family, but he wasn't going to have a family while he was in the Corps, he didn't want to put a wife and children in a situation we are in today,” said Emrick.

Staff Sgt. Jordan Emrick was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

“It was an IED that did kill him. We don't know much more than that aspect. We understand they were on foot patrol, and that he made contact with one, we just know the circumstance and probably won't know, and I don't need to know that,” Emrick said.

All he needs is to remember his son the way he always was. “High spirited young man,” said Emrick.

And to remember why he died, why so many strangers honor him. “There's still strong support for our military and for our country,” Emrick said.

Visitation for Staff Sgt. Emrick will be at 4:00 p.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoyleton. His funeral will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Flags were flown at half-staff in his community in honor of his ultimate sacrifice.

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## **Local Soldier Killed In Battle**

November 17, 2010 Jeff Wiehe, The Journal Gazette

A Fort Wayne native and U.S. Army Ranger was killed during a firefight with the Taliban in Afghanistan on Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Matthew Pape, 30, died during combat in Kunar Province, a violent area of the country nicknamed by some American troops as “enemy central” in published reports.

Pape was assigned to a battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment out of Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia.

A 1998 Concordia Lutheran High School graduate, Pape was serving his third deployment in Afghanistan at the time of his death. He had previously served three deployments in Iraq.

“Staff Sgt. Kevin Pape had two priorities in his life – his family and the Rangers he led,” Col. Michael E. Kurilla, commander, 75th Ranger Regiment, said in a media release from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command News Service. “Kevin was literally the lead Ranger in a heavy firefight against a large number of Taliban in some of the most rugged and extreme terrain in Afghanistan.

“By the manner in which he lived his life, Staff Sgt. Pape defined sacrifice, dedication, and selfless service.” Pape was a squad leader in the 1st Battalion of his regiment, according to his biography on the U.S. Army’s Special Operations Command website. He enlisted in the Army in September 2005 while still living in Fort Wayne.

He was awarded a plethora of decorations and medals during his career. The last three came posthumously – the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Pape is survived by his wife, Amelia Rose Pape and his daughter, Anneka Sue, both of Savannah, Ga., as well as his father, Marc Dennis Pape of Fort Wayne.

“He is a hero to his family, the 75th Ranger Regiment and the nation,” Lt. Col. Mike Foster, commander of Pape’s battalion, said in a statement released by the Army.

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## **Finnish Soldier Wounded in Afghanistan**

11.21.2010 YLE

One Finnish soldier in Afghanistan was wounded slightly in a grenade attack on a patrol on Sunday. The incident took place some 40 kilometres west of Mazar-e-Sharif.

According to the Finnish Defence forces, the wounded man was transported by helicopter to a German field hospital at Mazar-e-Sharif where shrapnel was removed.

The peacekeeper is in a stable condition and will not be returned home to Finland.

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**Taliban Vows To Kick Out  
Occupiers Before Their 2014  
Target Date:  
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Invaders Could Not Establish Any  
System Of Governance In Kabul And**

# **They Will Never Be Able To Do So In Future”**

## **“Tragic Events And Battles Will Take Place As A Result Of This Meaningless, Imposed And Unwinnable War”**

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

November 21, 2010 By PATRICK QUINN, The Associated Press [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan -- The Taliban on Sunday vowed to force the U.S.-led coalition to abandon Afghanistan before a 2014 date set by the alliance for handing over security responsibility to its allied Afghan forces.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in message e-mailed to the media that NATO will be unable to establish a stable government in Afghanistan by that date.

Mujahid said the Taliban “will not remain silent even for a single night until and unless the goal of complete freedom and the formation of an independent government is achieved. They will not wait for the time of implementation of a given decision or timetable of withdrawal.”

“In the past nine years, the invaders could not establish any system of governance in Kabul and they will never be able to do so in future,” Mujahid said, adding that until 2014 “various untoward and tragic events and battles will take place as a result of this meaningless, imposed and unwinnable war.” The Taliban message had a stridently nationalistic tone.

The Taliban have recently been portraying the U.S. and NATO as neocolonialist powers occupying Afghanistan for material gain - an effort to broaden the appeal of the extremist [translation: national liberation] movement.

Mujahid for the first time mentioned that the movement had drafted a comprehensive government policy for Afghanistan should they take control.

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## **[No, Not From The Onion]**



**U.S. Occupation Leadership  
Launches Devastating Counter-  
Attack On Taliban:  
Their New Television Show -- With  
Business Ties To Wall St. Journal --  
Will Portray Corrupt, Incompetent  
Afghan Cops As Heroes:  
“In A Situation Where The Police Are  
Not Respected By A Lot Of Afghans, You  
Have To Start Somewhere,’ Said A U.S.  
Official In Kabul”**

NOVEMBER 17, 2010 By MARIA ABI-HABIB, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

**KABUL—In a country where police are often known for drug use, bribe-taking and bungled operations, one elite squad stands out—well-trained officers who protect the weak, effortlessly take out would-be suicide bombers and also look good in tank tops.**

**They are the fictional police unit of “Eagle Four,” the first of several television shows funded by the U.S. government as part of a strategy to galvanize Afghans behind their security forces.**

The show's first episodes debuted in recent weeks on Tolo TV, one of Afghanistan's largest stations. Tolo will follow up in the spring with “Birth of an Army,” a reality show that follows recruits from their first training missions to their battles with insurgents.

The U.S.-backed shows are part of a broad allied effort to counter a Taliban propaganda offensive against coalition and Afghan forces, a push that runs parallel to the surge of forces on the ground.

“In a situation where the police are not respected by a lot of Afghans, you have to start somewhere,” said a U.S. official in Kabul.

**The official said most, if not all, of the shows' costs are funded from the U.S. Embassy's public diplomacy budget, a pool that also pays for English-language classes and communications towers that give stations like Tolo a wider reach across Afghanistan.**

**The overall diplomacy budget has grown in the past two years to \$114.6 million from \$1.2 million.**

Tolo didn't discuss the shows' costs or source of funding.

"Eagle Four" follows an elite Afghan police force as they battle insurgents across Kabul while receiving intelligence tips from computer-jockeying female colleagues back at headquarters.

The first episode opens up with a dirty and frail-looking insurgent plotting a suicide-bomb attack from a derelict hideout, then cuts to the central character, Kamran, a tall policeman who spars vigorously with a punching bag in his sunny home. By the episode's close, Kamran has raced to another insurgent's house in a sleek sport-utility vehicle and wrestled him to the ground with a scarf.

"Think about your wife and daughter," the officer says. The insurgent bursts into tears, revealing his group's bombing plot.

**Afghanistan's security forces are considered among the country's weakest and most corrupt institutions.**

A March U.S. Government Accountability Office report showed that in some parts of the country, as many 41% of police recruits tested positive for drug use.

The show is already raising expectations for the police, one of Eagle Four's stars said in an interview at Tolo's studios.

"The policemen living on my street complain to me: 'You and your show have put us in trouble. People now expect us to be as good as you,'" laughed Latif Qenat, a 56-year-old with coiffed brown hair and neatly trimmed silver sideburns who plays Eagle Four's steady-nerved police chief.

Although the officers' work appears effortless on the small screen, making a cop show hasn't been straightforward here. Actors say they have received threats from mysterious callers, much like the warnings issued by the Taliban telling Afghans not to join the police or army.

Producers must also overcome what appears to be a well-oiled Taliban propaganda effort that includes insurgent-produced radio shows, magazines and websites. DVDs with footage of coalition vehicles being destroyed are readily available in Afghan bazaars.

In the effort to push back, Tolo TV is seen as a strong partner for the U.S. It has 45% of Afghanistan's market share, according to a recent study by Kabul-based Altai Consulting. Nearly half of all Afghans watch TV regularly, the study found.

**Tolo TV is part of the Moby Group, which also operates FARS11, a joint venture with News Corp., which owns The Wall Street Journal.**

Yet analysts, like Afghans themselves, don't believe the show will change how police are perceived until the real police improve their conduct.

"The police on the show are great. They care for the people and defuse bombs," said Ismatullah Arman, a 12-year-old student playing on a Kabul street. "The show makes me want to be a policeman."

But when asked if real-life Afghan policemen made him want to join up, he paused for a moment. "No," he said.

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## **Put Your Head In A Noose And Stand On This Chair Please: Lt. Gen. Says U.S. Afghanistan Force Can't Be Supplied By Air: [And That All Three Land Supply Routs Are For Shit]**

11.22.2010 By Kate Brannen, Army Times [Excerpts]

Lt. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson is responsible for moving the Army out of Iraq and into Afghanistan — and keeping both places fed, housed and equipped. Mitchell sat down with Army Times to talk about his daily challenges.

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*Q: What's the biggest logistics challenge in Afghanistan today, and has it changed over time?*

Stevenson: Afghanistan is landlocked, no seaports — a big, big problem.

In Iraq, we had world-class seaports in Kuwait. And the Kuwaiti government has been very generous in allowing us to use their country pretty much as we have needed to. In fact, for a large portion of the period after the war began, they paid for our fuel. It was that kind of an arrangement.

**When we had a small force in Afghanistan, which we had up until three years ago — at about 25,000 to 30,000 total, most of it concentrated in Regional Command-East — you could pretty much support that force by air.**

**But today, because the force has tripled in size — we're up to 100,000 now — flying is no longer feasible.**

**Not because we don't have enough airplanes, but because we don't have enough places to land.**

The two large airfields that we have in Afghanistan — one in the north at Bagram and one in the south in Kandahar — have a limit to how many airplanes ... per day can land at these airfields.

We now have six strategic airfields that you can bring the big cargo-carrying birds into Afghanistan.

**What you rely on now is having to transit up the south through Pakistan.**

**There are really only two ways to get into Afghanistan from the south.**

**One is directly from the south, and the other is through the east through the Khyber Pass, both of which are problematic.**

**The one in the south has more terrorist activity, and the one in the north is terrible terrain.**

**The other way you come into Afghanistan is through the north, but it's very long and it's expensive. ...**

**Several of the countries that we transit have said they want no lethal cargo associated with the coalition fighting in Afghanistan to transit their country.**

*Q Does Pakistan place similar restrictions?*

In terms of lethal cargo, no. Pakistan has a number of conditions under which we have to operate. One of them is that they don't allow anyone in there wearing this uniform. We have to do everything through contract, even in the port of Karachi: no uniformed presence.

**Also, the gates that we transit into Afghanistan have limits as to how much military traffic they're going to allow through there because those are also the border crossings for commerce and everyday business.**

We could easily consume those border crossings and nothing else would get across. They don't want that.

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

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

# **WELCOME TO THE LONELY SIDE OF HELL: ALL HOME NOW!**



US soldiers patrol in the Mahalajat area on the edge of Kandahar city on November 6, 2010. (AFP/File/Rory Mulholland)

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

**NOT ANOTHER DAY  
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR  
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**





The burial service for Army Staff Sgt. Adam L. Dickmyer, 26, of Winston Salem, N.C., Nov. 17, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Dickmyer was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

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## **“D CO’s Chain Of Command Is Just Another Example Of How Fucked The 506th Is”**

[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

November 4, 2010 by davisrv, Moonlit Ramblings From Afghanistan [Excerpt]

D CO’s chain of command is just another example of how fucked the 506th is.

This unit takes “good ole’ boy” networking to the extreme; it doesn’t matter how hard you train or what you do for the goddamn army – if you don’t know the right people, or you’re not funny enough, or you don’t suck the balls of every fucking NCO you encounter, then you’ll never be welcomed into their exclusive backslapping orgy.

And once you fuck up, unless you’re already in the club, then you never stand a chance to get in.

Recently, an outstanding soldier who previously served in Afghanistan failed a piss test. This soldier had won the respect of virtually everyone he served with and seen more firefights than the average soldier in all of 506th.

Despite the soldier's obvious PTSD symptoms, the army decided to treat this as a violation of substance abuse policy instead of a soldier's misguided attempt at self-medication.

He is getting chaptered.

Another soldier, a recently promoted SSG, waved a fucking 9 mil in two other soldiers' faces jokingly and accidentally discharged the weapon.

The round came within a foot of one soldier's face, passed through the wall and almost hit a belt of 203 rounds.

Nothing happened to him.

This is the 506th. I'm definitely going to PCS when I get back.

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”**

**“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**

## **How About A Little Bit Of Help From Our Friends? [No, It’s Not About Money]**

**As the pressure builds from below following the November election, there has been a noticeable increase in message traffic.**

**Readers can help ease the part of the production of Military Resistance that involves reviewing incoming emails by NOT sending in:**

Material demonstrating George W. Bush, Rumsfeld, & Co. Etc. were bad. According to latest reports, they are not now killing U.S. troops and citizens of Afghanistan or Iraq in Imperial war.

Articles explaining why U.S. troops should not be sent to Afghanistan or Iraq, but fail to demand the immediate return of the troops killing and dying there now. The stench of this hypocrisy is unwelcome.

Articles arguing that Iraq and/or Afghanistan veterans are homicidal maniacs: “Iraq War Veteran Kills And Eats Three Neighbors.” FYI, the homicidal category runs the Imperial government.

“Open Letters To President Obama.” He’s not reading them. Not understanding that is a failure of situational awareness. Duh.

“Petitions To President Obama.” He’s not reading them. Not understanding that is a failure of situational awareness. Duh.

“Phone Calls To President Obama” He’s not answering the phone. Not understanding that is a failure of situational awareness. Duh.



Tedious articles warning Obama that if he does this or that or doesn't do that, people won't like him, or if he would just do this or that, people would like him. He's not reading them either. Not understanding that is a failure of situational awareness. Duh.

Articles that refer to the people who occupy Palestine as "Jews." They are Zionists. Referring to Zionists as Jews slanders Jews who are implacable political opponents of Zionist politics and the state of Israel. There are a lot of them and always have been.

Articles that portray Obama as a wholesome reformer being forced to do this or that by the Generals, or Wall Street, or some other evil powerful political force that has taken the helpless man prisoner. Not only is that argument stupid, it's racist.

Articles about this or that bizarre new weapon the Pentagon might or might not deploy five years from now.

Articles about the personal lives of members of the armed forces that have nothing to do with military resistance: "Norwegian Sgt. Photographed Having Sex With Giraffe" "Soldier Attacks Vending Machine" Before sending, please ask yourself why you are emailing this or that article to a newsletter about Military Resistance. What message do you think you are sending troops opposed to Imperial wars? If any?

All that idiotic crap about how the U.S. government is going to attack Iran now! That's been puked out every year for over 5 years by the pretty much the same lame hysterics. Send it instead to somebody who thinks alien worms have built a civilization on the dark side of the moon.

Articles by ego-freak self-appointed anti-war "leaders." Do not send if the writer isn't writing about a personal experience, but uses the word "I" more than once per 1000 words, as in: "I think the reason I have so much trouble with what I hear Americans say about the war is because I don't get the sense that they understand what I have been arguing for the past six years."

Articles by stupid and/or arrogant interviewers who say "talk about" to the person being interviewed, as in "Talk about the situation in Afghanistan." This means the interviewer is too dumb or too lazy to frame a serious question, or is simply a condescending piece of shit treating the person being interviewed as if he or she were a child, or a performing animal to do some trick on demand.

Articles by smug left elitists, often smug racist left elitists: This species will write about "Martin" doing this and "Malcolm" doing that, when referring to Martin Luther King or Malcolm X, but wouldn't dream of writing about "Leon" doing this and "Karl" doing that when writing about Leon Trotsky or Karl Marx. Oh no, then it's always the respectful "Trotsky" or "Marx." Don't bother sending anything when you spot this condescending crap.

Thanks!

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# ***November 22, 1909*** **Heroic Anniversary:** **The First General Strike By Women In** **The U.S.**



Carl Bunin Peace History November 19-25

In New York City, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union went on strike against sweatshop conditions in what became known as the “Uprising of the 20,000” and the “Girl’s Revolt.”

The strikers won the support of other workers and the women’s suffrage movement for their persistence and unity in the face of police brutality and biased courts.

**A judge told arrested pickets: “You are on strike against God.”**

This was the first mass strike by women in the U.S.

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**“I Am Tired Of Listening To Speakers Who Talk In  
Generalities”**

**“I Offer A Resolution That A General Strike Be  
Declared – Now!”**

Excerpt from *Forged in Freedom: Shaping the Jewish-American Experience*, by Norman H. Finkelstein. (JPS, 2002)

In September 1909, Clara and other women could no longer tolerate their harsh working conditions. They walked out of the Leiserson factory and went on strike.

Within a few days the strike spread to the workers at the nearby Triangle Shirtwaist Company. Day after day the young women strikers picketed the factories to let the public know they were on strike and to prevent replacement workers from entering the factories. They walked up and down the sidewalk in front of the buildings; some carried signs while others chanted and sang.

**The factory owners hired gangs of tough men to frighten the pickets. As the mostly Jewish and Italian teenage girls peacefully walked the picket lines they were threatened and pushed by the ruffians. Women were beaten, punched and thrown to the ground. Many were badly hurt. The police did little to prevent the violence ... During one attack in mid-November Clara and two other young women were so badly beaten the police had to rush them to a hospital.**

Eleven weeks after walking out of the Leiserson and Triangle companies, the women workers saw no end to the bloody strike. While they were on strike they earned no money, and the poor women faced a harsh, hungry and cold winter.

**Union leaders realized that the only quick way to improve working conditions and wages was to shut down every shirtwaist factory in New York.**

On November 22, 1909, thousands of shirtwaist workers gathered in the Cooper Union Auditorium. It was time to make a decision ...

The audience cheered a succession of speakers, finally focusing their attention on Samuel Gompers, the best-known speaker of the evening. He was the founder and president of America's most powerful union, the American Federation of Labor ...

**After two hours of cautious speeches with no end in site, "a thin wisp of a girl" asked to speak.**

**As she stepped onto the platform, the crowd quieted. Everyone knew Clara Lemlich, the brave union worker who had just been released from the hospital. She still showed signs of the violent beating she received on the picket line. Her words, spoken in clear and passionate Yiddish, echoed through the hall.**

It was a clarion call to action.

**"I have listened to all the speakers, and I have no further patience for talk.**

**"I am a working girl, one of those striking against intolerable conditions.**

**"I am tired of listening to speakers who talk in generalities.**

**"What we are here for is to decide whether or not to strike.**

**"I offer a resolution that a general strike be declared – now!"**

The audience erupted into wild applause. People jumped from their seats, cheered and waved handkerchiefs. This was the moment they had waited for ...

**Within two days the entire shirtwaist industry in New York City was shut down.**

No one had predicted the resolve of the strikers. Twenty thousand workers, mainly Jewish and Italian teenage girls and young women, marched in picket lines before factories throughout lower Manhattan ...

Newspapers widely reported on the brutality against the strikers. Other women, wealthy and educated, decided to prevent the brutality and unfair arrests. With great publicity, they joined the poorly dressed and ill-fed immigrant women workers on the picket lines

The brave struggle of Clara Lemlich and the other women workers is known as the "Uprising of the Twenty Thousand."

**By February 15, 1910, it was over. The strikers won a shorter workweek of fifty-two hours, higher wages and the end of unfair deductions for supplies, chairs and lockers.**

**Troops Invited:**

**Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to [contact@militaryproject.org](mailto:contact@militaryproject.org): Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.**

## **OCCUPATION HAITI**

**As Cholera Spreads And Kills In  
Haiti, UN Occupation Force Is  
Not Providing Vaccine To  
Haitians To Stop The Epidemic:  
Haitians Are Right To Use Force  
To Resist The Occupiers Killing  
Them:**

# **“A Number Of Safe And Effective Oral Vaccines For Cholera Are Available”**

## **Dukoral Vaccine “Is Available In Over 60 Countries”**

19 November 2010 BBC

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

Protests linked to the outbreak of cholera in Haiti have spread to parts of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Police fired tear gas as demonstrators set up barricades and threw rocks at United Nations vehicles.

On Monday, clashes between residents and UN troops in the north had left two people dead.

Some Haitians blame UN peacekeepers [translation: occupation troops] from Nepal for bringing cholera to the country - a claim denied by the UN.

US health experts say Haiti is vulnerable to further outbreaks.

Sporadic gunfire could be heard on Thursday as protesters took to the streets of Port-au-Prince, which was devastated by a massive earthquake in January.

Hundreds of youths erected barricades of burning tyres and attacked vehicles belonging to the UN mission (Minustah).

The protesters shouted slogans like: “Cholera: It's Minustah who gave it to us!” and “Minustah go home!”

Cholera is present in all 10 of Haiti's regions. About 1,100 people have died from the disease since it emerged in the country last month.

Most of the 38 deaths recorded in the capital have been in the slum district of Cite Soleil.

### **About The Vaccine:**

Wikipedia: Cholera Vaccine [Excerpts]

**A number of safe and effective oral vaccines for cholera are available.**

Dukoral, an orally administered inactivated whole cell vaccine has an efficacy of 85% with minimal side effects.

It is available in over 60 countries.

One injectable vaccine was found to be effective for 2–3 years. It however has limited availability as of 2010.

Work is under way to investigate the role of mass vaccination. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends immunization of high risk groups such as children and people with HIV in countries where this disease is endemic.

If people are immunized broadly herd immunity results with a decrease in the amount of contamination in the environment.

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## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**Website Briefly Exposes 200  
Zionist Army War Criminals In  
Command Of Massacre Of  
Palestinians In Gaza 2008:  
“The Military Is Investigating The  
Possibility That The Information  
Was Leaked By A Soldier”  
“The People Listed Here Held  
Positions Of Command At The Time  
Of The Attack”  
“Not Only Did They Perform On Behalf  
Of A Murderous State Mechanism But**

# Actively Encouraged Other People To Do The Same”

[Thanks to Michael Letwin, New York City Labor Against The War & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

11.18.10 Shanni Gurkevitch, Yedioth Internet & 19 November 2010 AP [Excerpts]

A website that went online Tuesday has published a list of 200 IDF commanders which it classifies as directly involved in operations carried out in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead in 2008.

The fighting devastated the crowded Palestinian territory, killing around 1,400 people, most of them civilians, according to Palestinian and international human rights groups.

The website said the information came from an anonymous source who was “presumably” serving in the Israeli military

Each entry features the soldiers and officers' pictures and personal details, including identification numbers and addresses.

The site also published the addresses and ID numbers of many of the Israelis, who it said had participated in the offensive Israel launched in Gaza in late 2008.

“In underlining them we are purposefully directing attention to individuals rather than the static structures through which they operate,” the website states while calling on visitors to spread the info “widely”.

“Underlining the following people is an act of retribution and affront. They are the direct perpetrators, agents for the state of Israel that in Dec. - Jan. 2008- 2009 attacked scores of people in the besieged Gaza” noted the website. The website has no special design or graphics, just a table of names of soldiers listed in alphabetic order which the site claims, served in the army in the winter of 2008-2009.

A US-based web service took it down by Friday, citing “breach of terms”.

Soldiers listed include officers from the very top of the IDF hierarchy – Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi and down to a sergeant in the infantry training program.

“The people listed here held positions of command at the time of the attack therefore not only did they perform on behalf of a murderous state mechanism but actively encouraged other people to do the same. They bear a distinctive personal responsibility. They range from low-level field commanders to the highest echelons of the Israeli army. All took an active and direct role in the offensive,” claimed the website.

A website counter at the top of the page states that over 3000 people have viewed the website so far. They claim that the information “was received anonymously; presumably from a member of the Israeli Military”.

It seems that the information was collected via the internet, doubtlessly through extensive use of social networks. A quick search reveals that many of the pictures on the site, especially those of the younger low level soldiers, were taken from facebook profiles.

“This information was pirated. We encourage people to seek out other such similar information, it is readily available in the public sphere and inside public officials' locked cabinets,” they said.

The person or group behind the website remains a mystery as does the level of exposure that the website receives.

“In underlining them we are purposefully directing attention to individuals rather than the static structures through which they operate. We are aligning people with actions. It is to these persons and others, like them, to which we must object and bring our complaints to bear upon”, they further stated.

The project organizers declare that “this is a form of resistance that can be effectively sustained for a long while”. Visitors to the website are told that “this project for one, has only just begun, do your bit so that this virtual list may come to bear upon the physical”. The manifest signs off by calling all web surfers to get involved and: “Disseminate widely”.

Ynet has discovered that many of the details appearing on the website are correct.

[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**

# **Obama Says Afghan Insurgents “Will Not Stand Alone”**

November 21, 2010 By Karen DeYoung, Washington Post Staff Writer [Excerpt]

“As Afghans stand up and take the lead” for their own security, Obama said at a news conference, “they will not stand alone.”

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# **“Congressional Representatives On Balance Rank Among The Wealthiest Of Wealthy Americans”**

## **“Nearly Half Of Them -- 261 -- Are Millionaires”**

November 17, 2010 The Center for Responsive Politics [Excerpts]

Despite a stubbornly sour national economy congressional members' personal wealth collectively increased by more than 16 percent between 2008 and 2009, according to a new study by the Center for Responsive Politics of federal financial disclosures released earlier this year.

And while some members' financial portfolios lost value, no need to bemoan most lawmakers' financial lot: Nearly half of them -- 261 -- are millionaires, a slight increase from the previous year, the Center's study finds.

That compares to about 1 percent of Americans who lay claim to the same lofty fiscal status.

And of these congressional millionaires, 55 have an average calculated wealth in 2009 of \$10 million or more, with eight in the \$100 million-plus range.

“Few federal lawmakers must grapple with the financial ills -- unemployment, loss of housing, wiped out savings -- that have befallen millions of Americans,” said Sheila Krumholz, the Center for Responsive Politics' executive director.

“Congressional representatives on balance rank among the wealthiest of wealthy Americans and boast financial portfolios that are all but unattainable for most of their constituents.”

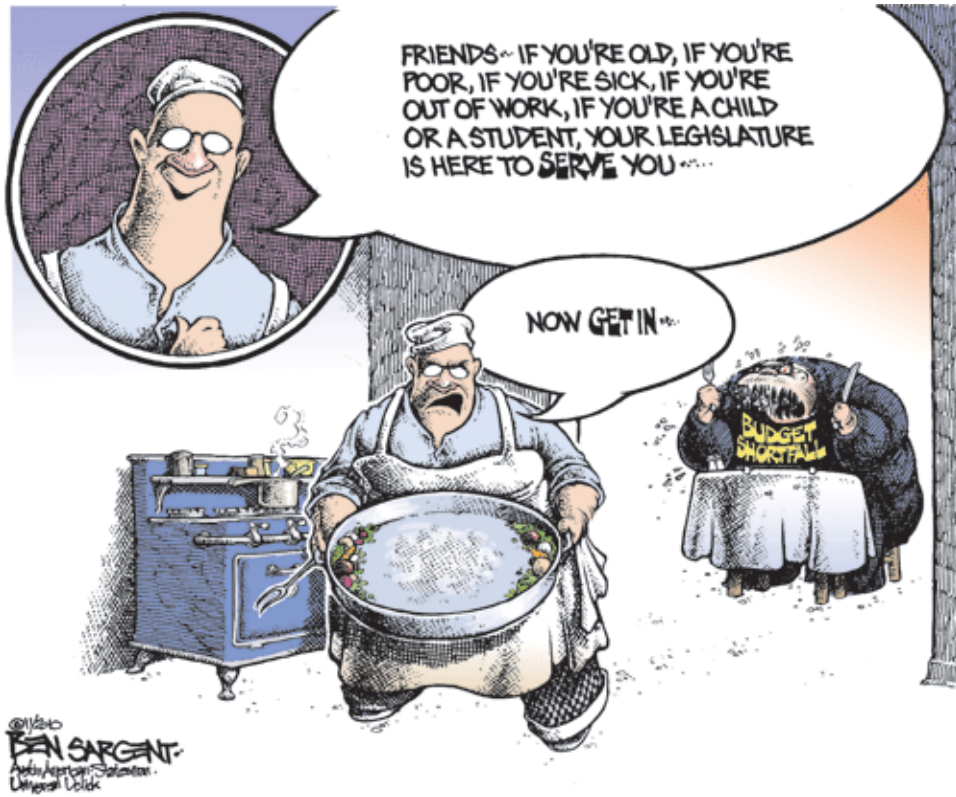
In 2009, the median wealth of a U.S. House member stood at \$765,010, up from \$645,503 in 2008.

The median wealth of a U.S. senator was nearly \$2.38 million, up from \$2.27 million in 2008.

Among health care-related companies, at least 20 current lawmakers reported owning stakes in Pfizer (49), Johnson & Johnson (39), Merck (27), Abbott Laboratories (25), CVS/Caremark (23), Bristol-Myers Squibb (22) and Amgen (20).

As for financial firms, Bank of American and Goldman Sachs are joined by Wells Fargo (45), JPMorgan Chase (38) and Citigroup (24).

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



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

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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.

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 Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))



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