

## **Military Resistance 9H14**

And now a... well, speech thing... from the um... ok, yes... just a minute, president of the ... you know.



GOOD... UH... MORNING.  
EVERYBODY... AND  
MY FELLOW... PEOPLE...  
TODAY WE ARE FACING  
... IN A WAY...  
SO THAT WE AS AMERICANS...  
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WILL NEVER... WELL,  
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THANK YOU AND  
GOD BLESS  
... YOU KNOW...



WELL, I HOPE  
THAT DIDN'T  
GET PEOPLE  
TOO EXCITED...

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**How The U.S. Government Pays  
Afghan Warriors To Kill U.S.  
Troops:  
\$360 Million In U.S. Tax Dollars Has  
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Taliban, Criminals, And Power  
Brokers With Ties To Both”**

# “A Power Broker Who Owned A Private Security Company And Was Known To Supply Weapons To The Taliban”

August 17, 2011 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After examining hundreds of combat support and reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan, the U.S. military estimates \$360 million in U.S. tax dollars has ended up in the hands of people the American-led coalition has spent nearly a decade battling: the Taliban, criminals, and power brokers with ties to both.

In a murky process known as "reverse money laundering," payments from the U.S. pass through companies hired by the military for transportation, construction, power projects, fuel and other services to businesses and individuals with ties to the insurgency or criminal networks, according to interviews and task force documents obtained by the AP.

The conclusions by Task Force 2010 represent the most definitive assessment of how U.S. military spending and aid to Afghanistan has been diverted to the enemy or stolen.

Overall, the \$360 million represents a fraction of the \$31 billion in active U.S. contracts that the task force reviewed.

**But insurgents rely on crude weaponry and require little money to operate. And the illicit gains buttress what the International Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank, referred to in a June report as a "nexus between criminal enterprises, insurgent networks and corrupt political elites" in Afghanistan.**

More than half the losses flowed through a large transportation contract called Host Nation Trucking, the official said. Eight companies served as prime contractors and hired a web of nearly three dozen subcontractors for vehicles and convoy security to ship huge amounts of food, water, fuel and ammunition to American troops stationed at bases across Afghanistan.

**HEB International Logistics of Dubai, a Host Nation Trucking prime contractor, "made payments directly to malign actors," one of the task force documents reads.**

In 2009 and 2010, an HEB subcontractor identified in the document only as "Rohullah" received \$1.7 million in payments. A congressional report issued last year said Rohullah — whose name is spelled Ruhallah in that report — is a warlord who controlled the convoy security business along the highway between Kabul and Kandahar, the two largest cities in Afghanistan.

Half a dozen attempts to reach officials at HEB's offices in Dubai by telephone were unsuccessful due to calls being transferred and lines going dead.

The congressional report said Rohullah's hundreds of heavily armed guards operated a protection racket, charging contractors moving U.S. military supplies along the highway as much as \$1,500 a vehicle.

Failure to pay virtually guaranteed a convoy of being attacked by Rohullah's forces, said the report, "Warlord Inc."

**Rohullah's guards regularly fought with the Taliban, but investigators believe Rohullah moved money to the Taliban when it was in his interest to do so.**

Both Rohullah and the security company he was affiliated with, Watan Risk Management, denied ever making payments to the insurgents, according to the report. But in December, the U.S. placed Watan in "proposed debarment status," which prevented it from signing new contracts or renewing existing contracts. Watan challenged the decision in federal court.

**Two weeks ago, Watan and U.S. officials signed an agreement that states the company may not bid on any mobile security contracts for the next three years.**

**The ban does not affect other companies controlled by Watan's owners.**

The task force also said contractors engaged in profiteering by forming dummy companies. A task force document shows three tiers of subcontractors below Guzar Mirbacha Kot Transportation, an Afghan-owned trucking company known as GMT. Four of the subcontractors appear on the first and second tiers, collecting \$14.2 million in payments.

Power brokers — a term widely used in Afghanistan — refer to Afghans who leverage their political and business connections to advance their own interests.

**Another task force document details the case of a power broker who owned a private security company and was known to supply weapons to the Taliban.**

**The power broker, who is not named in the document, received payments from a contractor doing business with the U.S.**

Over more than two years, the power broker funneled \$8.5 million to the owners of an unlicensed money exchange service used by insurgents, according to the document.

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

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

# IRAQ WAR REPORTS

## Resistance Action



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

Aug 16, 2011 DPA & By MIRWAIS KHAN, Associated Press & Reuters

A senior security official escaped an assassination attempt on his life when a bomb went off targeting his vehicle in Baquba city, around 60 kilometres north-east of Baghdad.

Insurgents wearing military uniforms pulled seven people from a mosque in the town of Sayafiya south of Baghdad and then shot and killed them execution-style, officials said Tuesday, raising the death toll to 70 in Iraq's deadliest day this year. The men were all members of a government militia. In the attack late Monday, the insurgents walked into a mosque in the town of Youssifiyah during evening prayers, took the seven men outside and shot them.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb went off near an Iraqi army patrol and killed two soldiers in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

MOSUL - A roadside bomb killed one policeman and wounded three others in a town near Mosul, local police said.

MUSSAYAB - A mortar round landed near a police patrol and wounded eight policemen, late on Monday, in the town of Mussayab, about 60 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

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

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



ISKANDARIYA, IRAQ - JULY 13: a U.S. soldier on a patrol in Iskandariya, Babil Province Iraq. (Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

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**AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

**Remembering Chris**



August 09, 2011 By Hope Hodge, Freedom ENC

If he were killed in the line of duty, Jacksonville native and Navy SEAL Chris Campbell told family members in his will, he wanted a local news story written about his life, with a request for donations to be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project.

On Saturday, the helicopter carrying the 36-year-old petty officer first class was shot down over eastern Afghanistan, killing him and 29 other American troops. In accordance with his final wishes, family of the fallen hero met with reporters on Monday to tell the story of a man whose life was characterized by fervent patriotism, devotion to his family, and a passion for helping people.

Chris's mother, Diane, said her son had grown up fun-loving and adventurous, with many friends in the community.

"He played baseball, and football, and they surfed, and they played basketball, and ran the neighborhood," she said. "If Chris thought he could, he would try."

She remembered watching Chris and his older brother, Lee, learn to ride a unicycle brought from Okinawa, and one time, attempting to join them as they zipped around the neighborhood on skateboards.

Family said Chris even met his wife, Angelina, in his trademark adventurous style: the two were surfing on the same beach, and after he spotted her, he followed her into the waves to strike up a conversation. They were married in November 2008.

Chris's father, Larry, was a career Marine who retired in 1993 as a master gunnery sergeant. He said he never forced the idea of military service on his son, who approached him after graduating from White Oak High School with his plan to join the Navy and become a SEAL.

"So that's what he did and we have supported him," he said. "We appreciated all that he did."

Chris enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 1996.

Though he belonged to one of the most elite groups of warriors in the world, many who knew him were unaware of what he did, and thought that the short and lanky SEAL was a surfer. Even his immediate family asked few questions out of respect for the sensitive nature of his job. His 14-year-old daughter Samantha said she never heard him talk about his work when the two were together.

Though Chris's work frequently called him out of the country and he sometimes showed up with a full beard, or flew into town for a visit that could only last three hours. Samantha said he was a caring and loving father who spared all the time he could for his daughter. In an email to his daughter sent days before the crash, he wrote that he was looking forward to coming home in November and celebrating her 15th birthday in January.

"He was very devoted to Samantha, a very wonderful father," Diane said. "Her needs were his needs."

The SEAL's wish that readers donate to the Wounded Warrior Project in his memory illustrated a love for serving others that colored every part of his life, the Campbells said.

"He had a passion for people and to help people," Diane said. "He's just that kind of a person; he wants to help people that need help. And I think wounded warriors need a lot of help and support."

On Monday afternoon, the Campbell family drove to the Dover Air Force base to receive the body of their son, flown in with all the other troops who perished in the tragic crash. The family said Chris's wife, Angelina, would make the funeral arrangements in Virginia, though they hope to arrange a memorial service in Jacksonville for members of the community following the services.

Larry Campbell said Chris's wish was to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, alongside generations of American troops.

More info on the Wounded Warrior Project:

The Wounded Warrior Project was founded in 2003 with a mission to honor and empower wounded warriors. According to information from the organization, the effort began as an initiative to donate comfort items and necessities to wounded troops, and grew into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they recover and transition back to civilian life.

Services the organization offers include a combat stress recovery program, physical health and wellness programs, and Wounded Warrior Project backpacks sent to wounded troops containing items to make their hospital stays more comfortable.

More information can be found at [Woundedwarriorproject.org](http://Woundedwarriorproject.org).

To make a contribution to the Wounded Warrior Project in honor of Chris Campbell, visit [support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org), call 904-296-7350, or send mail to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

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## **Missouri Native Among Seals Killed In Downing Of Chinook**

Aug. 08, 2011 By LEE HILL KAVANAUGH, The Kansas City Star

As grief from the American tragedy in Afghanistan descends like fog to cities and small towns across the nation, the war feels a lot closer to home.

On Monday, word spread fast that one of the Navy SEALs killed in a helicopter crash Saturday — a man whose residence was listed officially as Virginia — was a native Missourian.

He was Matt Mason, 37, who grew up in Kearney.

Mason was part of the 22-member SEAL team traveling in the Chinook manned by Army reservists from the 7/158th Aviation Regiment, partly based in Olathe.

Three others on the Chinook were from this area, too: pilot Bryan Nichols of Kansas City, door gunner Spencer Duncan of Olathe, and flight engineer Alex Bennett of Overland Park.

All died when a rocket-propelled grenade struck the bottom of their Chinook, which American commanders said was coming to the aid of American troops embroiled in a firefight while searching for a Taliban leader.

Two Pentagon officials said Monday that investigators would assess the wisdom of sending such large helicopters into firefights, where they can become targets for insurgents.

They had rarely been shot down up to now, but on July 25, a rocket-propelled grenade struck another Chinook, injuring two U.S. service members.

All told, Saturday's incident took the lives of 30 Americans, an Afghan interpreter and seven Afghan commandos.

In Kearney, Mason's friends, neighbors, school teachers and old classmates were calling, texting, writing on Facebook, knocking on neighbor's doors, spreading the word.

And sharing the pain.

Mason was a 1992 graduate of Kearney High School.

People are remembering him as a kid who played linebacker on the football team, first baseman on the baseball team. A kid who liked to tease. A kid who could slide into any clique of friends and belong. A determined person who reached for goals and didn't quit until he achieved them.

"I wasn't surprised at all to hear that he was a Navy SEAL," said his high school football coach, John Ball, who learned about that achievement a decade ago.

Ball always watched his teams carefully and knew who pushed themselves and who gave up easily.

Mason was tough during practices, he said.

"On the two-a-days, especially when it was really, really hot, Matt would push himself through them. Any adversity, he'd get through it."

Ball remembers, too, when Mason was hurt in 2005 in Iraq. "But he came back from that and rejoined his team. He was quite the person."

Classmates remember Mason as the kid who made people laugh. One yearbook quote tells a story about how on prom night, at John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Mason dedicated a song, "Wild Thing," to the high school principal and his date, his wife.



A teen scribe from 1992 reported that the principal's wife was embarrassed, but the principal had laughed. Remembering this moment made his friends laugh again.

Mason loved to hunt, especially living so close to Smithville Lake and Watkins Mill State Park. One friend said that Mason loved everything about the outdoors.

Officials in the school district are trying to decide if it would be appropriate to lower flags in Kearney to half staff. After leaving Kearney, Mason went to college, fell in love, became a husband and father, and a distinguished serviceman.

"But he was still one of ours," Ball said.

"And it hurts when it hits so close to home."

On Monday night — in a ceremony that was closed to the public — friends, family and fellow soldiers from the 7/158th held a candlelight memorial service for the fallen Americans.

At the same time, a similar service was taking place at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. There, 325 soldier pallbearers gently carried 30 flag-draped coffins into the belly of an airplane.

A final journey back to their hometowns.

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## **Airman Killed In Afghanistan Helicopter Crash A Former FSU Student**



Tech. Sgt. John W. Brown, 33, who was among those killed in a helicopter crash Saturday in eastern Afghanistan / Rep. Jon Woods/Special to the Democrat

Aug. 11, 2011 by Derek Redd, Democrat Night Editor

10:08 p.m. update

An former Florida State University student, called “a natural leader” by those who knew him from his Arkansas home, was among 30 killed Saturday in a helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan.

Tech. Sgt. John W. Brown, 33, was one of three Air Force Special Operations Command Airmen on the CH-47 Chinook helicopter that crashed in the Maiden Wardak Province, according to the AFSOC. Brown was a pararescueman assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron in Pope Field, N.C.

Twenty-five U.S. Special Operations Command operators died in the crash, along with five U.S. Army Reserve soldiers, seven Afghan commandos and one civilian interpreter.

Brown was a student at FSU starting in the fall of 1998, according to university officials. He majored in chemistry, but did not receive a degree from FSU. The last term he took classes was the summer of 2001.

Teachers at Siloam Springs High School in Arkansas, where Brown graduated in 1996, remembered him as a leader.

“He was very conscientious and always willing to help others,” said Susan Morris, Brown’s ninth-grade English teacher. “He was a quiet leader, not the bossy type.

“He was a man of good character on the basketball court and in the classroom,” Morris added. “It’s a terrible loss because he was a top-notch person.”

Brown’s mother, Elizabeth Newlun, said she’d meet him under the basketball hoop if she wanted a serious conversation with him.

“There’s nothing athletic about me, but I realized that you have to get into other people’s comfort zone to get information,” said Newlun, of Rogers, Ark., explaining Brown was a “gentle giant” who “just loved anything physical, anything athletic.”

Newlun said her son played football and basketball in high school and went to John Brown University on a swimming scholarship.

He had wanted to go into the medical field and become a nurse anesthetist, but decided to join the military after seeing a video of a special tactical unit, she said.

Arkansas Rep. Jon Woods, who graduated high school with Brown, said he had a great sense of humor.

“We’d watch ‘Saturday Night Live’ before we went out to hang out with our friends,” Woods said. “He was a big Adam Sandler and Chris Farley fan. There would be 10 of us in the room all cutting up. He loved a good laugh.”

Woods said Brown was married but had no children.

Mark Alvarez, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3308 in Tallahassee, said learning of Brown’s death was a “sorrowful moment” for the post.

“When you have someone who has touched lives in the community, it brings it home,” he said. “That connection we do all have is that we’re combat veterans and that’s what makes it hard.”

A private memorial was held at Pope Field on Thursday. Woods said a memorial service will be held in Siloam Springs on Tuesday, but funeral arrangements have not been finalized. Woods said Brown will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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## MILITARY NEWS

### HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA’S WARS?





ARLINGTON, VA - AUGUST 09: The casket of Army Pfc. Dylan J. Johnson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, at Arlington National Cemetery. Pfc. Johnson, who was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, died June 26, in Diyala province, Iraq, of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. (Photos by Alex Wong/Getty Images)

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## 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.”

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

<p>I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war. -- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace</p>
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## **“A Wave Of Repression And Racist Fear-Mongering Has Followed The Urban Rebellions In Britain”**

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Rebellion: Poverty, Austerity And  
Police Brutality”**

**“Cameron’s Coalition Government  
Has Embarked On A Program Of Cuts  
That Has Devastated Access To**

# **Education And Social Services For Poor And Working-Class Youth” “An Uprising Against A Police Force, A Government And A System That Have Ruined Their Lives”**

**“In Manchester, a mother of two, Ursula Nevin, was jailed for five months for receiving a pair of shorts given to her after they had been looted from a city center store.**

**“In Brixton, south London, a 23-year-old student was jailed for six months for stealing £3.50 worth of water bottles from a supermarket.”**

August 16, 2011 By James Illingworth, Socialist Worker

A wave of repression and racist fear-mongering has followed the urban rebellions in Britain--with politicians and pundits alike ignoring the real causes of the unrest and demanding a police-state clampdown on Black and working-class communities.

The right-wing coalition government led by the Conservative (or Tory) Party and the Liberal Democrats is attempting to create a narrative in which, rather than an unplanned outburst of anger, the riots were a premeditated scheme on the part of organized criminals. In parliament, Prime Minister David Cameron blustered that "gangs were at the heart of the protests and have been behind the coordinated attacks."

This myth-making serves to justify a full mobilization of state terror against young people and working-class neighborhoods.

MI5, the British equivalent of the FBI and an institution usually tasked with counter-terrorism activities, has been brought in to catch suspected rioters. Police have carried out coordinated raids on homes in several cities, arresting thousands of people.

Court proceedings and sentencing have been highly punitive, with children as young as 11 years old dragged into court for allegedly throwing stones and breaking windows.

Young people accused of participating in the rebellion have been given long jail terms for minor offenses.

As the Guardian newspaper reported:

**“In Manchester, a mother of two, Ursula Nevin, was jailed for five months for receiving a pair of shorts given to her after they had been looted from a city center store. In Brixton, south London, a 23-year-old student was jailed for six months for stealing £3.50 worth of water bottles from a supermarket.”**

Meanwhile, the media are creating a climate of racist hysteria and reaction. The BBC's flagship news show Newsnight provided a platform for conservative historian David Starkey to pontificate about the violence inherent in Black culture and bemoan the fact that "whites have become Black."

The same show also recently hosted Tommy Robinson, a leader of the fascist English Defense League.

The Tory-led government and its media lackeys will never admit the true causes of the rebellion: poverty, austerity and police brutality.

### **“The Economic Crisis That Began In 2007-2008 Has Destroyed The Futures Of Millions Of Young People Across Britain”**

The economic crisis that began in 2007-2008 has destroyed the futures of millions of young people across Britain.

Poor and working-class neighborhoods in London and other cities--particularly Black neighborhoods--already suffered from desperate poverty and inequality. But the return of mass unemployment, especially among young people, has exacerbated these conditions.

The Great Recession has become close to a Great Depression for young people in Britain, just as it has in countries like Egypt, Greece and Spain.

While the official unemployment rate in Britain is around 9 percent, youth unemployment is closer to 20 percent--and in London, more like 25 percent. Among Black youth, unemployment is in the 40-50 percent range.

Cameron's coalition government has embarked on a program of cuts that has devastated access to education and social services for poor and working-class youth.

**At the end of last year, the government abolished the Education Maintenance Allowance, which provided a small weekly grant to poor students.**

**The maximum university tuition was raised to nearly \$15,000 a year, and more than a third of Britain's 123 universities charged the full rate.**

**Between the two, these measures virtually guaranteed that young workers will be forced to end their education at age 16.**

The cuts are biting in other areas, too.

For example, The local council in Haringey--which includes Tottenham, the epicenter of the riots--announced a 30 percent cut in its roughly \$450 million budget.

**That includes 75 percent cuts to programs and services for youth in particular--and will lead to the closure of eight out of 13 youth centers in the area.**

The immediate causes of the rebellion, though, were police brutality and racism.

The murder of 29-year-old Black man Mark Duggan by police, which provided the initial spark for the riots in Tottenham, was just the latest and most dramatic act in a pattern of police harassment of Black youth in North London.

Police regularly target young Black men and women with daily searches and bullying.

In Tottenham, two-thirds of those stopped by police are young people aged 25 and under. Black youth are stopped by the police three times more often than their white counterparts.

As veteran Black media commentator Darcus Howe said in an online video, ""(Police) have been stopping and searching young Blacks for no reason at all."

And as the case of Mark Duggan shows, encounters with police can prove deadly for working-class and Black people.

**Almost 350 people have died in or immediately following a period of police custody since 1998, but no officer has ever been prosecuted.**

Nevertheless, police brutality has come under increased public scrutiny since the death of Ian Tomlinson during protests against the G20 in London in 2009.

More than two years after officer Simon Harwood struck the peaceful bystander Tomlinson from behind with a baton, leading to his death, Harwood was finally charged with manslaughter earlier this year.

**It's no surprise, then, that young participants in the rebellion scrawled the slogans "Fuck the Police" and "Fuck David Cameron" across the walls of British cities.**

**They understand much more clearly than he does what their actions represent--an uprising against a police force, a government and a system that have ruined their lives.**

**MORE:**

**“There Is An Uncomfortable Truth Which Some On The Left Are Seeking To Sidestep--With Their Hyperventilated Condemnation Of The Looting”**



**“The Left And The Labor  
Movement Have Failed To Provide  
An Answer To The Despair That Is  
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**“The Immense Scale Of The Austerity  
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**“With The Return Of ‘Urban’ Unrest  
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Barely Coded Language Of ‘Gang,’  
‘Inner-City Lawlessness,’ ‘Criminality,’  
‘Absent Father Figures,’ ‘Scum’...Black”**

What we are seeing with the desperate attempts by the state and a weak government to shore up their position in the face of the first whiff of the kind of social explosion that is spreading across Europe is that there are no depths to which they will not sink to balkanize our society so that a fantastically wealthy elite can cavort in comfort.

August 15, 2011 By Kevin Ovenden, Socialist Worker. Kevin Ovenden is a member of Britain’s Respect Party and leader of the Viva Palestina movement. [Excerpts]

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WHAT DID people expect?

Just over a year ago, during the general election campaign in Britain, I remember George Galloway on the stump warning that the last time the Tories came in to replace an already dead Labour government and pursue full-blooded, class war policies, Britain’s cities went up in flames.

That was 1981.

Three decades later, the Sunday newspaper supplement features on Brixton, Toxteth and St Paul’s all situated those events in aggressive policing, racist exclusion and darkening hopes of the young of the time.

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For the left as well, what could we reasonably expect?

**There is an uncomfortable truth which some on the left are seeking to sidestep--with their hyperventilated condemnation of the looting in direct proportion to the stubborn facts they try to ignore.**

**The left and the labor movement have failed to provide, thus far, an answer to the despair that is ripping through society.**

So that section of liberal-left opinion which is indulging in the most illiberal calls for retribution against the rioters is engaged in a double flight from responsibility: first in abandoning basic social democratic values which hold the rich and powerful responsible for the social conditions in which the poorest live and the bitterness that flows from that, rather than the "fecklessness" and "amorality" of the poor themselves.

We have a contemporary gloss on this old reactionary contempt for the poor--people Tweet from smart phones or blog from fast wi-fi connections about the selfish materialism of those who loot those things from High Street chains or who, denied a decent credit rating, rob from one of the "Money Shops" or other rip-off outfits that have sprung up in empty stores like modern-day tributary outposts of some ancient parasitic empire.

The second indulgent irresponsibility is to deny that the failure or worse of the progressive coalition that has historically been headed by Labour to address the injustices that have been growing for decades is itself a large part of the problem.

Worse still, it's wrapped up in a faux concern for working-class communities, whereby those who are now being given appalling sentences are regarded as not part of the working class, not part of the decent community of "hard-working families."

Some of those who are pumping out this reheated Victorian ideology of the deserving and undeserving poor have also been telling us, seemingly paradoxically, that Labour did fail to relate to its working-class core and that, as the Blue Labour bandwagon puts it, it needs to reconnect with it.

The paradox is only apparent, however, and is resolved with the ubiquitous solvent of racialized or ethnicized pseudo-explanation and prejudice.

For many years, the Muslim and more recent immigrant communities have been held to be the central obstacle to what was termed "social cohesion."

With government policy held immune from predicted consequences like 7/7, those communities were held to blame. A section of the liberal left sank into the scapegoating quicksand.

But older prejudices, born out of the need for false explanations of society's ills, never went away.

**Now, with the return of "urban" unrest comes the recrudescence of the barely coded language of "gang," "inner-city lawlessness," "criminality," "absent father figures," "scum"...Black.**

**It has been bubbling away for years with so many on the liberal and center left taking it as just a natural state of affairs that Black children of primary school age are three to four times more likely to be excluded from school, 26 times more likely to be stopped and searched, and far less likely to be in the best universities than their white counterparts.**

There were the clichéd articles about "urban" hip-hop corrupting even white middle-class kids.

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Riots, by their very nature, involve inchoate violence as well as more consciously directed acts.

Now, we are witnessing further attempts by the government and authorities to avoid responsibility and sow division with new racialized narratives.

**Yesterday, it was Muslim communities that were self-segregating--refusing to mix, unlike African-Caribbeans--and breeding criminality.**

**Today, they are the hard-working shopkeepers defending themselves against the mob.**

Just as some Black people may have felt relieved that they were out of the crosshairs for much of the last two decades, so some Muslims may feel the same today.

But to do so would be foolish.

**What we are seeing with the desperate attempts by the state and a weak government to shore up their position in the face of the first whiff of the kind of social explosion that is spreading across Europe is that there are no depths to which they will not sink to balkanize our society so that a fantastically wealthy elite can cavort in comfort.**

**The immense scale of the austerity offensive adds up to a class war unprecedented for 70 years.**

As before, the shock battalions in that war are vicious scapegoating of the marginalized and manifold racist divide-and-rule.

**There is nothing more cowardly in those circumstances than for the left to concede that ground, or to self-satisfiedly proclaim that they would sympathize with those who are lashing out if only they did so in a more organized fashion, more constructively, with more regard to building a majority social force against the government, more...more like what we would do.**

But we haven't done so effectively. And this is one consequence.

Truly recognizing this means that things cannot go on as before.

An effective response to this government and the historic structural adjustment it wants to impose cannot be whistled up out of thin air.

But the left can single-mindedly and with unity of purpose seek to build on the beginnings of that resistance.

That requires relegating to their proper place differences of opinion on secondary matters and instead holding to an uncompromising opposition to the racism and class prejudice that are the great weapons in the other side's arsenal.

For the Tories, talk of responsibility is cynical buck-passing; for the left, however, we must recognize our responsibility and act accordingly.

## **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**

## **THE STUPID REPORT**

### **And Here's A Stupid From A Simpleton Whose Only Source Of News Is What He Sucks Out Of His Own Thumb:**

[From the Internet]

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The so called, 'public mandate' is nothing but a mass approval for devious minds by a bunch of simpletons whose only source of international news is the local TV's 6'O clock news compiled by Zionist controlled media.

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# “48% Think Major Cuts In Defense Spending Won’t Put America At Risk”

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July 18, 2011 Rasmussen Reports [Excerpts]

Nearly one-half of Americans now think the United States can make major cuts in defense spending without putting the country in danger.

They believe even more strongly that there's no risk in cutting way back on what America spends to defend other countries.

A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 48% of Adults feel it is possible to significantly reduce military spending without putting the American people at risk. Thirty-seven percent (37%) disagree and do not believe major defense cuts come without risk. Fifteen percent (15%) are not sure.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) say the United States spends too much on defending other countries. Only four percent (4%) think America doesn't spend enough protecting its friends. Thirteen percent (13%) feel these defense expenditures are about right.

Sixty-eight percent (68%) of Americans believe it is possible to significantly reduce the amount the United States spends defending other countries without putting the American people at risk.

**Seventy-two percent (72%) of adults correctly recognize that the United States has spent more than \$100 billion annually fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past few years.**

Only three percent (3%) think that's not true, while another 25% are not sure.

Most Americans (62%) also realize that the United States has more than 250,000 troops deployed in more than 100 foreign countries not counting Iraq and Afghanistan.

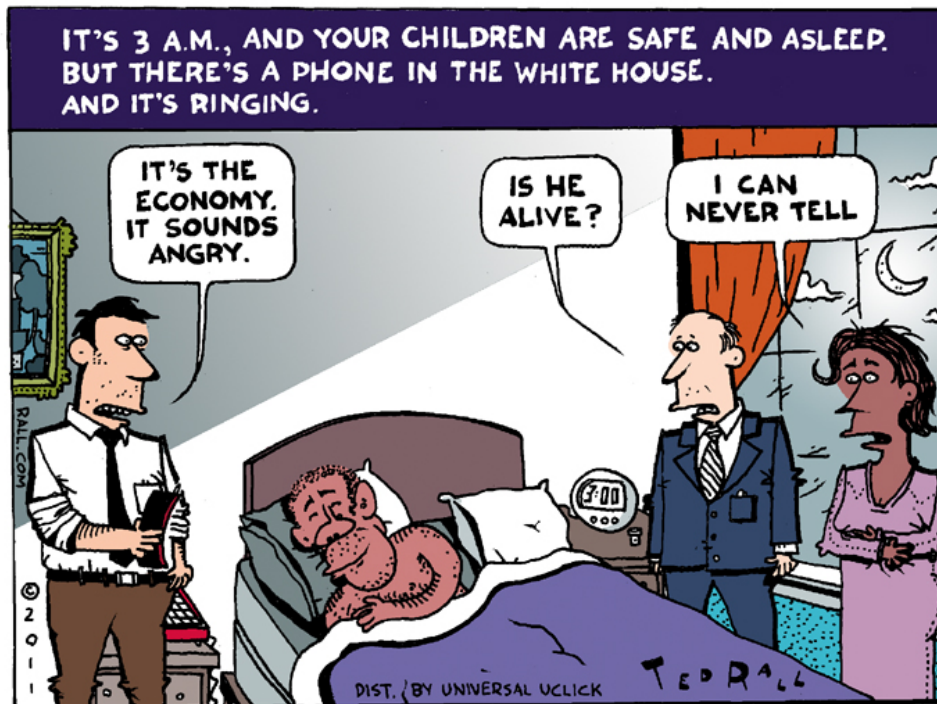
Fifty-six percent (56%) of voters know that the United States spends about six times as much on national defense as any other nation in the world.

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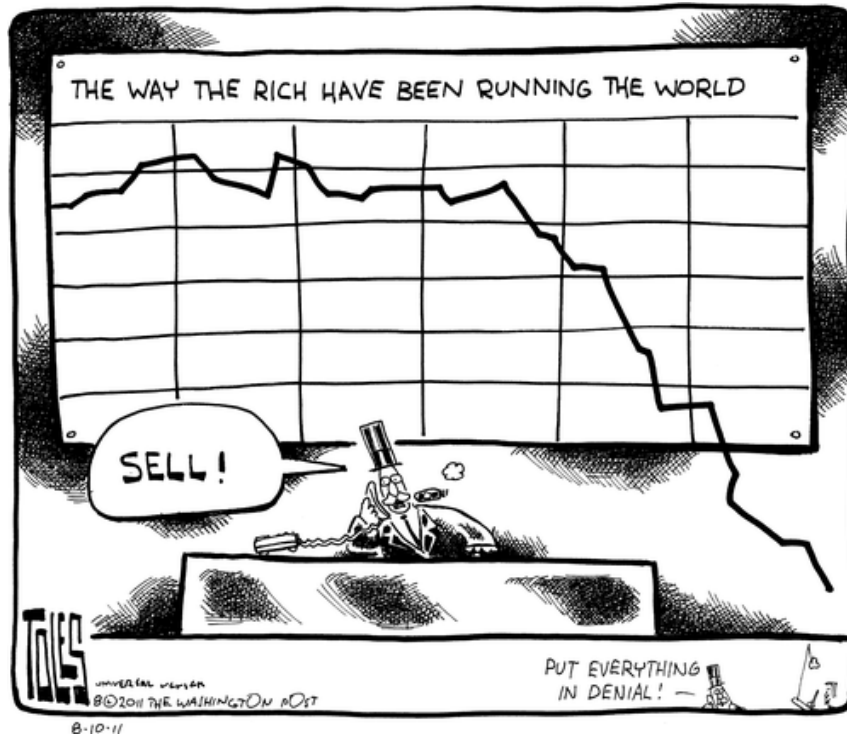
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## **RECEIVED:**

### **GI Voice Presents: The State of the Soldier Address**

**Date: Tuesday, 8/23/11**

**Location: King's Books 218 St. Helens Ave. Tacoma, WA**

**Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

GI Voice presents the first installment of the State Of The Soldier Address, a unique and historic occasion for soldiers and veterans to demonstrate that they too have a voice in our communities.

Similar to past events like Winter Soldier, the State of the Soldier Address is a forum for active-duty service members, veterans, and military family members to speak out on issues related to military service, and provides an opportunity for civilians from around the community to hear the voices of those often intimidated into silence for fear of retribution.

This event will include testimonies from active-duty service members and veterans speaking on a wide range of issues including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Military Sexual Trauma, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

#### **Confirmed speakers include:**

##### **Jacob George:**

Jacob is a three-time veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) turned peace activist. Jacob served as a paratrooper in the United States Army Special Operation Command (USASOC) between 2001 and 2004, and was honorably discharged as sergeant. Jacob is the founder of A Ride Till The End (ARTTE), which is a perpetual bicycle protest that began on May 1, 2010 and has covered over 6,000 miles in the American South. ARTTE facilitates a healing process for veterans interested in



unconventional self-healing through art and cycling. ARTTE is the first Afghan veteran lead, direct action protest of the Afghanistan occupation in the U.S.

**Brock McIntosh:**

Brock is an Army National Guard veteran who enlisted in May 2006 while in high school. His views are his own and do not represent those of the Army National Guard or any other branch of the United States military.

Brock was deployed to Afghanistan from November 2008 to August 2009.

Following his redeployment home, Brock reflected deeply on his experiences and research and decided to act upon the Army value that meant the most to him: integrity.

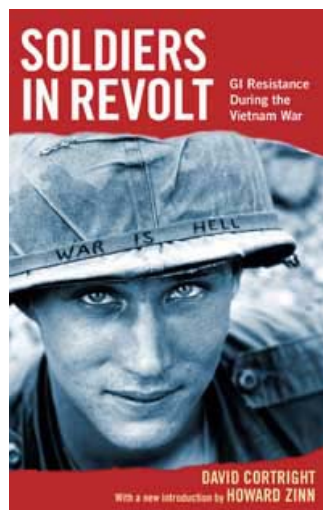
He joined as a spokesperson for Veterans for Rethinking Afghanistan, became active in Iraq Veterans Against the War and Operation Recovery, and is an applicant for conscientious objection.

Brock also previously interned at Win Without War, where he worked primarily on the Veterans' Trust Fund. His development from a warrior led him to determine that that the highest evolution of a soldier is to master and live the art of nonviolence.

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