

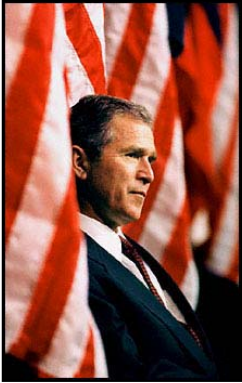
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What does a typhoon bring?



When a typhoon rolls in, the power goes out, the stores shut down, the outside environment is in chaos, and a devilishly happy excitement begins to churn in people's guts. *Finally* Nature has given everyone a socially acceptable excuse *not* to go to work or school, *not* to shop, *not* to watch TV, but *at last* to sit down and enjoy communicating with one another.

What does **the typhoon** bring?

Well, we're still working on shutting down the power and the stores, and humans have already wreaked environmental havoc...But **the typhoon** aims to bring the same devilish enthusiasm and opportunity for real communication that the *other* kind of typhoon does. We hope you'll get caught up in it with us!



“Mommy, Can I Go Out and Protest Tonight?”



After several calls to the Canadian Trade Office in Taiwan, MOFA, the National Police Administration Division of Foreign Affairs, and the National Police Visa office, it appears that **foreign nationals living in Taiwan ARE permitted to take part in protests** in Taiwan as long as those protests have been sanctioned and permits have been obtained by the local police office. Illegal protests (those without permits) are just that - illegal - and anyone can be arrested; whether or not you would be deported depends on the situation.

According to MOFA, there is *no* written legislation that states it is illegal for foreign nationals to take part in a protest. However, there *is* legislation that states that foreigners must follow the regulations of their respective visas and work permits – meaning that if you have a student visa, you shouldn't be teaching English for 錢. An official at MOFA said that the law is more concerned with people breaking the regulations of their visas by working illegally and that it was "unlikely any foreigner would be deported for attending a peaceful protest." Officials at the National Police Administration Foreign Affairs division said that

it was "no problem" for foreigners to attend protests "as long as they were sanctioned with proper permits." To obtain a permit, you have to apply for one at the police office in the area in which you want to hold the demonstration. Give yourself a minimum of one week to process.

To verify any of this information contact the following:



) Ministry Of Foreign Affairs (MOFA): 2348-2937)

) Taipei City Police FA Division: 2321-3175)



War Does a Mean Business

Information for this article was compiled from various sources including The Observer (Oxford), The Guardian (Damascus), The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Washington), & Bloomberg (Washington)

Liberate Iraq from Saddam Hussein? Weapons of mass destruction?

Few believed the official story of why the U.S. launched an unilateral attack on Iraq last month and even less are convinced now that the Bush and Blair administrations would start a major war based on the weak evidence or lack of concerning the weapons of mass destruction.

One American journalist asked why the US administration seems so unconcerned about an exit strategy from Iraq once Saddam is toppled. He answers his question by saying that they won't be leaving. "Having conquered Iraq, the United States will create permanent military bases in Iraq from which to dominate the Middle East."



Does not support the war.

So now we should ask:

Q: Why would the U.S. want to dominate the Middle East?

A: To make way for large multinational corporations.

Anyone who is not afraid of the **BIG BAD BUSINESS** takes-over-the-world theory might want to connect the dots between who supports this war and who profits from this war. Put another way:



Does not support the war.

"Whose companies will profit during and most definitely after this war?"

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Moonlighting at the Pentagon

Several of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's advisers work for companies that also do business with the Pentagon. According to the Securities and Exchange Commission at least 8 members of the 30-person board have such ties. World Airways Inc, which flies troops to the Persian Gulf, US forces ammunition maker Alliant Techsystems Inc, software maker Symantec Corp, aviation-services company AAR Corp and weapons builder Metal Storm all have directors who serve on the Defense Policy Board.

The Center for Public Integrity, a Washington-based group that monitors government ethics issues, said recently that policy board members have ties to companies that received more than US\$72,000,000,000 in defense contracts in 2001 and last year.

So if U.S. businesses make money during the war...who makes money *after* the war?

Once the major bombing campaign has ceased. there will be a major concentration of forces in the Middle East after the war. (Thank You, American Taxpayer!) A U.S. military presence force in Iraq will stabilize oil supplies, easing economic problems in the U.S. of A.

Leaks from the State Department's "future of Iraq" office show Washington plans to privatize the Iraqi economy - particularly the state-owned national oil company. What else did we expect from an administration run by oilmen? Experts on its energy panel want to start with downstream assets like retail petrol stations. After gouging money from Iraqi consumers, they could privatize exploration and development.

If Western governments hadn't restricted their research to businessmen eager to cash in when the US privatizes the Iraqi economy, the need to be "liberated" would not be so apparent.

What can YOU do?

Actions to ease your conscious:

1. Boycott U.S. brand names.
2. Join in the Culture Jamming campaign by engaging in such actions as writing anti-war messages on US money, chalk messages on sidewalks in front of US restaurants (McDonalds, Starbucks) or clothing shops.
3. Write letters expressing your opinions to government officials and media outlets.
4. Check out Adbusters homepage for more ideas on ways to Jam the War
www.adbusters.org



Here's what one person did...

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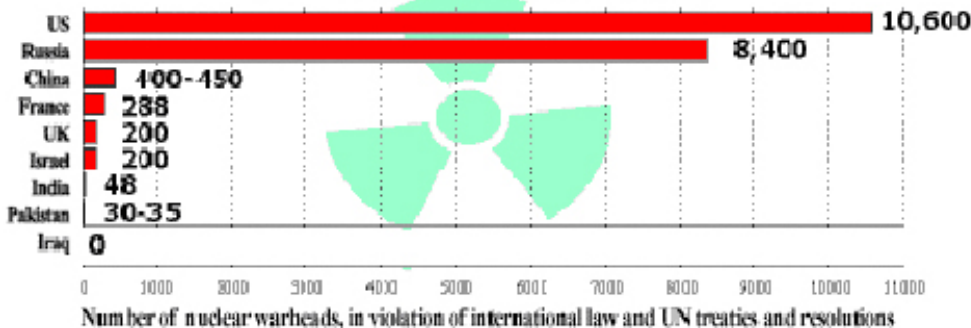
What I think

By Hannah I. Jones (Taipei, Taiwan)

Would the Iraqis be better off without Saddam Hussein? He is indeed a brutal dictator who has committed genocide against his own people. But economic sanctions, sanctions of mass destruction, have killed far more Iraqis than he ever has. They also compound the regime's hold over the people who depend on the authorities for food rationing. Maybe if we hadn't pounded the Iraqis into such a gruelling state of poverty they would have already risen up against him? When Iraqi dissidents revolted at the end of the last Gulf War they got no support [from the U.S.] and were violently crushed. In fact it is highly unlikely that the U.S. will ever sponsor a fully democratic Iraq because this would give the Shia Muslims (60% of the Iraqi population) a more powerful voice. These communities have good relations with Iran and the U.S. will never permit the creation of an Iranian ally in Iraq – Iran may well be the next target. What they want is a puppet state to help their business cartels control the region. Of course there will be some gloss of freedom, as in the all-but-forgotten Afghanistan, where tales of liberated Kabul abound and tales of Afghan POWs tortured to death are covered up. The real aim is the creation of the New World Order: economic and military global domination. Iraq will be crushed under another kind of dictatorship, American dictatorship, through a puppet of course, but there'll be no doubt that Iraq is ruled by Texas. As it was in the 1980s when Saddam was our friend. And if the Iraqi people try to get real freedom, real sovereignty, then, well, we know what happens when the puppets in the Middle East turn against their benefactors - you can turn on the news and see it today. The establishment of a world-wide 'Pax Americana' is the openly held wish of the American neo-conservatives, a scary alliance of oil money, Christian fundamentalism, and ultra-Zionism. They are a group of determined extremists who have been campaigning for the U.S. to take on an imperial role for years and are now in key defence and foreign policy positions, where they can take advantage of the opportunity presented by 9/11 and an astonishingly stupid president. Iran and Syria are next, North Korea and then what ...? A self-perpetuating continuous war? More terrorism, more hate, more death. I hope this conflict ends quickly with the least possible loss of life, and I think there's no doubt that the Saddam regime will eventually be battered down. But will the Iraqis really have a brighter day? I think not. Next year, when you're watching 'War in Iran', and you never hear about Iraq anymore, be sure to check out what's going on there because it won't be pretty; at first you'll see pictures of rejoicing Iraqi children ... look behind it. This attack won't save the Iraqi people from tyranny. I hope the Iraqi people *do* see a brighter day, but as long as we have the world leaders we do, it seems unlikely. That would mean all the death would be for nothing, for the exchange of 1 form of tyranny for another. So I don't support this invasion

It's blood for oil, blood for power.

Who has got weapons of mass destruction?



"CNN said that after the war, there is a plan to divide Iraq into three parts: regular, premium and unleaded." Jay Leno

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*fun*filled facts:

Military consumption of resources

Q: How much is spent on military budgets a year worldwide?

A: \$900,000,000,000+

Q: How much of this is spent by the United States?

A: 50 percent (\$450,000,000,000)

Q: What percent of US military spending would ensure the essentials of life to everyone in the world, according to the United Nations?

A: 10 percent (that's about 40 billion dollars, the amount of funding initially requested to fund the US retaliatory attack on Afghanistan).

Then the marine howitzers, with a range of 30 km, opened a sustained barrage over the next eight hours. They were supported by US Navy aircraft which dropped 40,000 pounds of explosives and napalm, a US officer told the Herald. A legal expert at the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva said the use of napalm or fuel air bombs was not illegal "per se" because the US was not a signatory to the 1980 weapons convention which prohibits and restricts certain weapons.

Perspective on Iraq:

Q: Which country has the largest oil reserves?

A: Saudi Arabia

Q: Which country has the second largest oil reserves? A: Iraq

Q: How long has Iraq had chemical and biological weapons?

A: Since the early 1980s.

Q: Did Iraq develop these chemical and biological weapons on its own?

A: No, the materials and technology were supplied by the US government, along with Britain and private corporations.

Q: Did the US government condemn the Iraqi use of gas warfare against Iran?

A: No

Q: How many people did Saddam Hussein kill using gas in the Kurdish town of Halabja in 1988?

A: 5,000

Q: How many Western countries condemned this action at the time?

A: 0

Q: Are there any proven links between Iraq and Sept. 11 terrorist attack?

A: No

Gulf War

Q: What is the estimated number of civilian casualties in the Gulf War?

A: 35,000

Q: How many casualties did the Iraqi military inflict on the Western forces during the Gulf War?

A: 0

Q: How many retreating Iraqi soldiers were buried alive by US tanks with ploughs mounted on the front?

A: 6,000

Q: How many tons of depleted uranium were left in Iraq and Kuwait after the Gulf War?

A: 40 tons

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Two years ago a project set up by the men who now surround George W Bush said what America needed was "a new Pearl Harbor"...What was needed for America to dominate much of humanity and the world's resources, it said, was "some catastrophic and catalysing event - like a new Pearl Harbor". The attacks of 11 September 2001 provided the "new Pearl Harbor", described as "the opportunity of ages".

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Q: What according to the UN was the increase in cancer rates in Iraq between 1991 and 1994?

A: 700 percent

Q: How much of Iraq's military capacity did America claim it had destroyed in 1991?

A: 80 percent

Over a decade of bombing and sanctions:

Q: How many years has the US engaged in air strikes on Iraq?

A: 11 years

Q: How many years ago was UN Resolution 661 introduced, imposing strict sanctions on Iraq's imports and exports?

A: 12 years

Q: What was the child death rate in Iraq in 1989 (per 1,000 births)?

A: 38

Q: What was the estimated child death rate in Iraq in 1999 (per 1,000 births)?

A: 131 (that's an increase of 345 percent)

Q: How many Iraqis are estimated to have died by October 1999 as a result of UN sanctions?

A: 1.5 million

Q: How many Iraqi children are estimated to have died due to sanctions since 1997?

A: 750,000

Q: How many civilian deaths has the Pentagon predicted in the event of an attack on Iraq in 2002/3?

A: 10,000

Q: What percentage of these will be children?

A: Over 50 percent

Weapons inspections

Q: Who said that by December 1998, "Iraq had in fact, been disarmed to a level unprecedented in modern history."

A: Scott Ritter, UNSCOM chief

Q: In 1998 how much of Iraq's post-1991 capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction did the UN weapons inspectors claim to have discovered and dismantled?

A: 90 percent

"In a speech earlier today, President Bush said if Iraq gets rid of Saddam Hussein, he will help the Iraqi people with food, medicine, supplies, housing, education - anything that's needed. Isn't that amazing? He finally comes up with a domestic agenda, and it's for Iraq. Maybe we could bring that [to the US] if it works out." Jay Leno

UN and nuclear weapons:

Q: How many UN resolutions on Israel did America veto between 1972 and 1990?

A: 30+

Q: How many countries are known to have nuclear weapons?

A: 8

Q: How many nuclear warheads has Iraq got?

A: 0

Q: How many nuclear warheads has the United States got?

A: Over 10,000

Q: Which is the only country to use nuclear weapons?

A: The United States

聯合抵制美國-不將\$\$\$用在戰爭上

全球有成千上萬的人們走上街頭表達他們反對美國對伊拉克開戰的立場。輿論顯示出絕大多數的世界公民不願對伊拉克發動戰爭。然而，布希及其內閣卻忽視這股聲浪 - 包括來自上百萬美國人民的心聲 - 他們要求用和平的方式來解決和伊拉克的對立。我們的反戰聲音被漠視，因此我們要採取有效而非暴力的方式來停止這場戰爭 - **我們必須聯合抵制美國的產品直到布希政府團隊停止武力攻擊伊拉克並放棄“恐怖的戰爭”主義。**

美國的經濟與攻打伊拉克的戰役有直接的關聯，尤其是石油和武器公司從中謀取非常可觀的利益。有些公司則是仰賴於美國的開戰來開拓或確保他們在全球的市場佔有率。這些公司直接或間接的捐贈政治獻金給布希。因此，對這些公司進行經濟制裁，將可以讓他們清楚的體認到，他們無法再像從前一樣做生意，並從這場戰爭中獲取利益。

透過這項聯合抵制行動，我們要求美國的公司和產業界說服美國布希總統用圓滑的外交管道去解決和伊拉克的對立。選擇進行這項抵制行動並不是個容易的決定，因為許多人在他們的日常生活中仰賴和使用美國製的產品。同時，這項抵制行動並不衝著美國人民而來，有許多美國人也遭受經濟衰退之苦，同時還得克服全球高漲的反美情緒所帶來的恐懼。無論如何，正如美國的決策著逐漸地仰賴金錢的支持與合作，這是消費著的抉擇是否要讓自己的錢用在並成為推動戰爭的一個環扣上呢？與其將錢花在戰爭上不如用來改善每個美國人的生活品質還有解決許多窘迫的全球問題。

我們並不是反美，或支持海珊政權。我們清楚地知道美國攻打伊拉克不只是造成成千上萬的伊拉克人民的傷亡，更持續地造成中東地區的動盪不安，導致更大的反美意識而且增加恐怖份子攻擊給美國家園的威脅性。戰爭所花費的巨額開銷可以用來拯救貧窮的人，同時解決全球各地的教育及健康問題。

世界各地有許多人早已展開聯合抵制美國品牌的行動，我們反對戰爭並支持這項抵制行動，並期望這項行動可以將戰爭轉變為和平，殺戮變為生存，毀滅變成發展。

No \$\$\$ For War: Boycott the U.S.!

Millions of people around the world are in the streets expressing opposition to U.S. war on Iraq. Opinion polls around the world show a large majority of citizens do not want a war in Iraq. The Bush Administration has decided to ignore these people - including millions of US citizens - who demand a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi conflict. We have demonstrated and are being ignored. We must therefore adopt more effective non-violent means to stop this war: boycott US products until the Bush administration has stopped its military aggression against Iraq.

The American economy is directly linked to the war on Iraq. Oil companies and arms companies, in particular, stand to make huge profits from a war on Iraq. Many other companies are relying on the US war machine to open up and secure markets for them around the world. Many of these companies contributed directly or indirectly to the campaign funds of George W. Bush. Focusing on doing economic damage to specific companies will send a clear signal that there can be no more business as usual, as long as those businesses contribute to, and benefit from, a war on Iraq.

Through this boycott, we are asking US companies for their help to convince President Bush of the need for a diplomatic solution to the Iraqi conflict. To choose to boycott is not an easy choice. Many people rely on American products in their daily life. This action is not targeted against the American people -- many already suffer from a sinking economy (uninsured, unemployed, homeless...) and a fear of growing anti-Americanism around the world.

We are not anti-American, or pro-Saddam. In fact, we realize that a war on Iraq will not only kill and hurt hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, but that it will also further destabilize the region, leading to greater anti-American sentiment and increased threats of terrorist attacks on US soil. The money that is currently being spent on preparing for war could provide a higher standard of living for everyone in the US, and solve many of the most pressing global problems. Many boycotts of US products have already been called, against the war and for other reasons. We support these initiatives, and aim to centralize this information, as well as providing information on the links between other US companies and the war on Iraq.

We hope this boycott will help to make a difference between war and peace, life and death, destruction and reconstruction. www.motherearth.org

"President Bush has said that he does not need approval from the UN to wage war, and I'm thinking, well, hell, he didn't need the approval of the American voters to become president, either."

David Letterman



art by Tiffany Wang

Which world do YOU want to live in?

<p>THE LAND</p> 	<p>THE SEAS</p> 
 <p>THE SKIES</p>	 <p>GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY GOD BLESS OUR HOME</p>

http://greetings.yahoo.com/browse/Wishes_and_Thoughts/Patriotic/For_The_Troops/

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poetry page

State by S2

The state that you kill for is just a state of mind,
but when lucid thought turns to flag-waving
and television announcers purvey only raving
speech against your enemy, the colors and lines
that distinguish nations on the map, you find
as real as the victims' blood, and start behaving
like the rude criminals you curse, debasing - enslaving -
a race not different from your own kind.

While you lash out at targets, seized by fear,
try to remember that those are *people* you bomb.

You think you're here because God put you here,
and that your race survives because it's strong.

But I submit that you're on Earth through accident,
with a short-lived reign, you are so destruction-bent.

Iraq is French for Hollywood

Iraq is French for Hollywood
billboard size hold-up poster
at pro-war support-the-troops rally
well-groomed short-snip
sharp as a dulled butter knife
modular cat-eye sun glasses
wearing
white T-shirt
neck ribbed up to Adam's apple
American flag brandishing mug
WHAM!
right out of Batman
I perceive the placard
Iraq is French for Hollywood
incessant delays
mental retraction occurs
sensorial registers awry
confounded struggling
to make sense of this sign
and the potentiality of statement
thinking errantly of etymology,
etiology, French fries, McDonald's,
movies,
France's opposition to the war in Iraq,
the war as a Hollywood script,
an illusion far beyond reality,
the Oscars or the Grammys or
whatever ambivalent ceremony
that goes on in Hollywood, those
actors,
possessing opposing desires for peace
or blunt opposition to war
thus, the comparison
to the French and French fries
soggy, oily and salty
void of beef powder solution,
vile melodramatic Hollywood action
scripts,
the entertainment industry as a
sedative,
a tranquilizing medium for
sommambulistic public
mesmerizing and appeasing
roiling the faint pernicious froth of
disillusion
that encapsulates the surface of reality

Failure to Meet Goals by S2

Around us, everywhere, springs
evidence
of our inability to perfect our most-
cherished skill:
there are animals in the forests –
indeed, forests –
we have not yet managed to kill.

Further proof of our gigantic
failure:
people everywhere oppose our
every thought and action,
yet they are still alive and doing
very well, I hear;
we have been unable to eradicate
them to our satisfaction.

We'll have to be more creative,
put our opposable thumbs to the
test,
to find more lethal methods
to lay our enemies to rest.

Let's use our highly evolved
cerebrums
(our species' greatest distinction)
to create more murderous regimes
and broader waves of extinction.

We'll wipe out even as-yet-
undiscovered species:
worms that thrive in molten lava;
bugs that live inside the eyes.
Of course we won't ignore the
common threats:
impious eagles, turncoat tree
frogs, and dolphin spies.

Blinded to the comforts of human
love,
we neglect to seek out why the
heart is yearning.
We go straight in for the kill, while
each of us
is cloaked in a thin fatty blanket
given to burning.



Band Info:

Billed as "electro-Punk", **BOMB CONGRESS** pulls elements of Black Flag together with Nine Inch Nails and Atari Teenage Riot – their closest musical relatives.

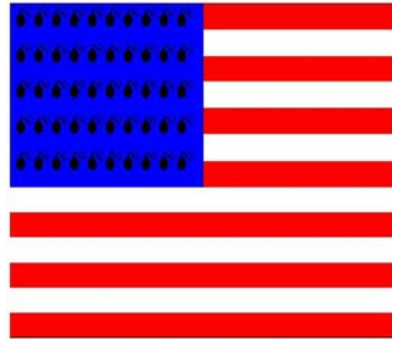
As hard as BLACK FLAG and political like the DEAD KENNEDYS, BC delivers songs like a punch in the gut.

With a name like **BOMB CONGRESS**, you'd think these guys might be getting a visit from some men in business suits at some point. But until that day, the band continues to rail against the mindless, authoritarian society they find themselves in through songs like "Right-Wing Fuck", "Hang the Pope", and "TV Anthem".

Despite angry and sometimes violent-sounding lyrics ("decapitate him with an axe/give the Pope 40 whacks") the band maintains a pacifist stance: "Hang the Pope isn't about killing anybody. It's about freeing yourself from outside control."

Unfortunately, MP3.com has recently taken down all of their "parental advisory" songs (IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN!), so it's hard to get the full effect. If you like *really* hard-ass music, send 'em an email to get their \$5 CD. And if you don't... send 'em an email to show your support for their position: thanks to the Right-Wing Fuck in power in the U.S. right now, their breed might be an endangered species....

★ BOMB ★ CONGRESS ★



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Any photos of cool stuff you have made (clothes, tools, furniture, paper, art, etc) would be great – and instructions on how others can make it would be even better!

Remember April 21-27, TV Turnoff Week!

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