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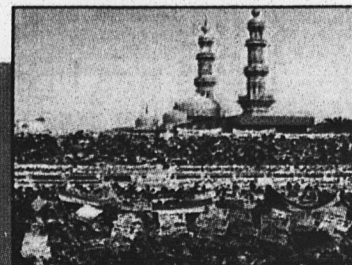
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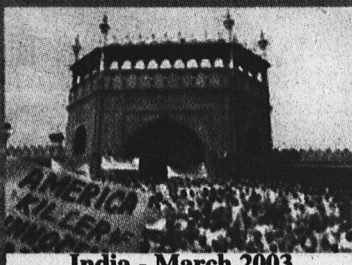
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NYPIRG ON Tuition Hikes

There has been much discussion on tuition policy during the last few years in New York, specifically around automatic annual tuition increases. These plans would raise tuition each year for incoming students. After doing much research and analysis, we believe these plans are harmful for college students and should be opposed. Here's why:

1) There is no guarantee that a smaller, but annual tuition hike program will actually end future big increases like SUNY's last \$950 hike or CUNY's \$800 increase.

In effect, the governor's plan sets a "floor" for tuition, but no "ceiling," and there is absolutely no guarantee that students and families will only see smaller, annual increases. In other states that supposedly index their tuition, during years of fiscal austerity students still get big, whopping tuition hikes above and beyond the annual, automatic increases. This could happen in New York too.

2) Tuition should be a last resort, not a first option.

This plan does not address the issue of increased state support or look for any other ways to increase funding for CUNY; all it does is look for tuition to increase revenues for the colleges. We agree that the colleges are under funded, but tuition should only be increased as a last resort; especially since the government doesn't pay its implied share of the funding.

3) Increasing tuition further shifts the burden to fund the state's colleges onto the backs of students and their families.

The real problem is that the state is paying less. Over the past decade, the state has dramatically reduced support for CUNY, and has been filling in those budget holes with tuition hikes. This policy will only accelerate that shift. And it is this shift that means working class and middle class families will end up shouldering an increasingly higher percentage of the cost.

4) With tuition increases, students and their families pay more, but don't necessarily get more.

For instance, this year, students and their families are paying more to attend the state's public colleges, but enrollees receive the same amount of services as last year. Flat budgets impact the quality of higher education on campuses from the number and selection of courses offered to their ability to compete for top-notch faculty.

We urge you to join the fight against annual, automatic tuition hikes. We can be reached at 1C-218 or call 1-(718) 982-3109.

A Message to the History & Political Science Departments of CSI

We, the editors of the College Voice, urge the professors of the history and political science departments to plan and take part in activities on campus that address issues relating to the "War on Terrorism" and the "War on Iraq".

We urge the professors to recognize the immense benefits of such activities for CSI students and staff, and to contribute to the national and international debates of our times. Informing students and

staff of the various views and arguments about these current realities is not only beneficial but necessary in times of war and domestic turmoil.

These are times when students look towards professors to explain and clarify events and the history leading up to events which they may or may not know effect them in various ways. An additional incentive to such activities planned and conducted by professors is, hopefully, reduction of the

influence of infotainment coming from CNN or FOX News.

We also urge the two departments in supporting the rights of students concerning free speech on campus. When there are only one or two professors in the entire campus who work with student groups on these important issues it sends a negative message to other students and contributes to the already high level of complacency and apathy we

find at CSI among both students and professors. It also takes confidence away from students who fear they may become targetted for raising concerns or arguing particular reasonable points of view that some may consider controversial.

We sincerely thank those professors who are currently working with student clubs or are raising these issues for the benefit of students and staff. Thank you for your efforts.

Still Looking for the Lesser Evil: As Bush flounders, Liberal Left left leaderless

Roy Rollins

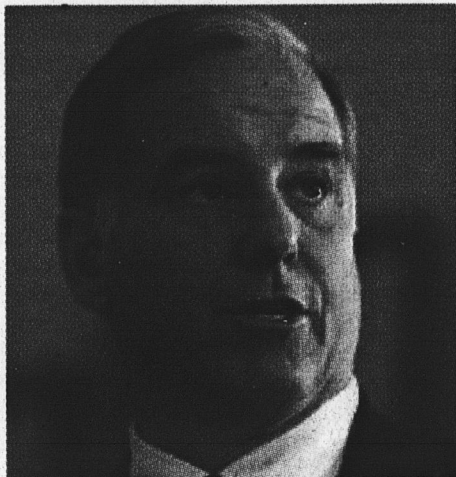
With George Bush's political capital plummeting faster than the value of Enron stock, one would think that the ostensible "opposition" party would be cashing theirs in just as quickly. From the debacle in Iraq to the disaster in New Orleans to the rapid rise in gas prices, the "mandate" that Bush claimed to have following his theft of last year's elections seems hopelessly out of date. Then there's Republican heavyweights Tom DeLay and Bill Frist getting caught with their hands in the till while Karl Rove and "Scooter" Libby are obviously behind the "outing" of a CIA agent, something that got Philip Agee into hot water years ago. But since the administration's official "opposition" happens to agree with them on almost every issue of substance, Bush is probably losing little sleep over any challenges coming his way from the Democrats.

Thus, his nominee for Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Roberts, despite a reactionary and racist record second to none, sailed smoothly through the Senate. Long time liberals like Russ Feingold and Patrick Leahy wasted no time in giving Roberts thumbs up in the Senate Justice Committee. Considering the kid glove treatment the rest of the Democrats gave him in the Senate as a whole, it appears that Bush would have to appoint someone wearing a white sheet and brandishing a burning cross for the Democrats to even entertain the idea of actively opposing him. And lest we forget, stopping Bush from packing the Supreme Court with his conservative cronies was one of the main reasons cited by the liberal left last year for yet again backing the Democrats.

Of course if there is any one issue that has brought Bush's approval ratings tumbling down it is the war in Iraq. Poll after poll shows that a clear majority of the population not only oppose the war but that an increasing amount of Americans are starting to agree with Cindy Sheehan that the immediate withdrawal of all American troops is clearly on the agenda. The massive antiwar demonstrations that took place across the country on September 24 were clearly a reflection of that. Only the one place that this sentiment has yet to find an echo is amongst the Democrats. As if to prove, once again, the old adage that there isn't a dime's worth of difference between the twin parties of the ruling rich, Howard Dean, last year's scourge of the DLC, who is now the party chairman, took Karl Rove's advice that "no serious politician should embrace immediate withdrawal" when he

told Cindy Sheehan that opposition to the war had no place in the program of the Democratic party ... even though the majority of the country agrees far more with Sheehan than with Rove, or Dean, for that matter. This, of course, is nothing new. During the run-up to invasion of Iraq, Democrats in the Senate, like Hillary Clinton, were besieged by calls and letters from constituents urging them not to vote in favor of giving Bush a blank check to go to war. Needless to say, these stalwart "democrats" and self-styled "representatives of the people" chose to vote with the millionaires and not the millions.

Dean, in fact, was never a real opponent of the war to begin with. Nor were, or are, the Democrats as a party. Whatever "opposition" they may have mustered back in



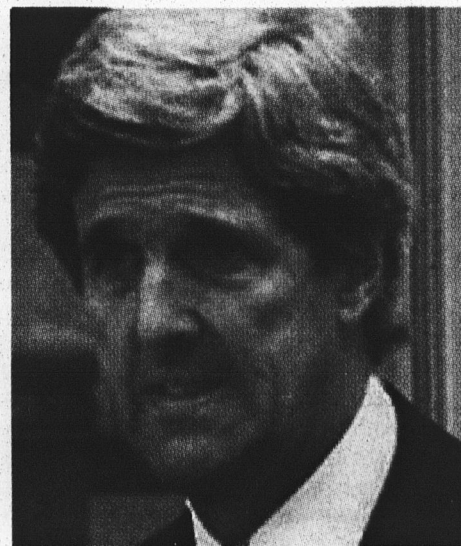
the days of "WMDs" and "links to Al Queda," Dean and the more risqué Democrats only opposed the Bush regime's "unilateralism," preferring to get the seal of approval from the UN for multi-lateral aggression instead. After all, Bill Clinton starved a million and a half Iraqis to death with the blessing of the UN. Since becoming chair of the DNC, a move hailed as a great victory by many a "progressive," Dean has gone so far as to wish Bush success in carrying out the occupation of Iraq, since "now that we're there, we can't leave". But how could it be otherwise? John Kerry, who pushed Dean aside as the party's standard-bearer last year, campaigned as being even more pro-war than Bush was. Thus he called for 40,000 additional troops in order to better wage the war. He repeatedly used the word "kill" in all the debates in order to better hammer home that point. Even Hubert Humphrey displayed more opposition to the Vietnam War in 1968 ... when he was still second in command of the regime waging it!

Hillary Clinton, touted by many as presidential timber for 2008, has repeatedly reiterated her support for the war. After briefly breaking bread with Sheehan, she made sure to meet with a group of pro-war "Moms," who are just as much a creation of Karl Rove as were the Vietnam Veterans for the War that

the GOP threw against Kerry last year. As for the rest of the Democrats in Congress, they have repeatedly voted Bush every cent he has asked for to keep the war going and even approved extending the USA PATRIOT Act to boot. Currently Clinton is spearheading the "US Army Relief Act" in the Senate, which actually calls for an increase of 80,000 troops over the next four years. At the same time, some Democrats in Congress are even pushing to reinstitute the draft! For while it may be a rich man's war, the Democrats, apparently more so than the Republicans, want to make sure it stays a poor man's (and woman's) fight.

Thus it was hardly surprising that no Democratic Party politicians of note showed their faces at any of the anti-war marches. Just to make sure, the Zionist mafia at AIPAC put out the word that any member of Congress who appeared at the protests, where some speakers might have the audacity to put forth pro-Palestinian views, would face their political wrath come election time. The small fries, like Cynthia McKinney, Barbara Lea and Maxine Waters, who did turn up, represent constituencies that are so overwhelmingly anti-war to begin with, that not to do so would be a kiss of death for them. Needless to say, none of them wield any clout within the party. Nor do the others who showed up, like Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, Sr., who don't even hold any elective office either. What all of them have in common is their desire to keep the reborn anti-war movement safely within the confines of the Democratic party from the get-go this time and on board the bandwagon for the 2006 Congressional elections, and, of course, the 2008 Presidential elections.

Yet in spite of all the evidence that the Democrats remain a pro-war party, the leadership of the more mainstream antiwar outfit, UFPJ, is still willing to wager it's all on them. UFPJ was forced by the example of Cindy Sheehan, to not only agree to hold a joint march with the openly anti-imperialist



ANSWER Coalition, but also to strike a more militant pose by adopting an "Out Now" perspective for September 24. However, this is little more than window dressing to cover up their main raison d'etre, a united front with the Democrats and support for a set of meaningless resolutions currently before Congress that urge Bush to set a date for US withdrawal from Iraq ... sometime over the course of the next year. And how many more American soldiers and Iraqi civilians are supposed to die in the meantime? Judging by the mood of the crowds that turned out for September 24 most antiwar activists were not as keen as taking Karl Rove's advice about "immediate withdrawal" as Leslie Cagan and Co. are.

Needless to say, these resolutions, supported by a smattering of both Democrats and Republicans upset with Bush's bungling of the war, have little support, as both bosses' parties remain committed to imperialism's oil war. The only differences that they do have are over how to better wage it, so that they can be done with Iraq and move on to Iran or Syria. Thus no resolution calls for the closing down of the 14 permanent bases that the US has set up in Iraq to police the Middle East for them and take some of the heat off the Saudi royal family, who previously held that unenviable job. Nor do any resolutions call for giving back Iraq control over its economy, which was privatized, i.e., stolen, lock, stock and barrel under Bremer's "CPA," and is ensured by the presence of US advisors in every government ministry.

By championing "setting the date," the liberal left only helps to legitimize the presence of the US in Iraq; one that may be legitimate from the point of view of Halliburton and Bechtel, but which is totally illegitimate from the perspective of both Iraqi and American workers. The same gang of corporate crooks that regularly robs American workers looks to do the same to Iraqis under the guise of bringing them "democracy," which is exactly what they claimed to be doing in Vietnam. And in the antiwar movement of the '60s and '70s, the liberal left took the same position of supporting "setting the date" for the same reason that they do so today; so as not to alienate the Democrats.

Yet in spite of the Democrats' continuing support for the war there are still many in the liberal left who see the far left as a far greater enemy. The later, after all, defends the right of the Iraqi people to resist the occupation, whereas the Democrats only defend the occupier's DU, cluster bombs and napalm. Perhaps the Iraqis should instead sit back and

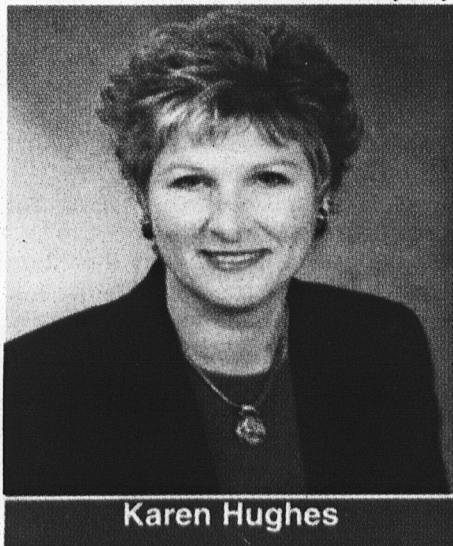
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The True Nature of Anti-Americanism in the Muslim World

Ghanim Khalil

Very recently, President Bush sent Karen Hughes to tour Muslim nations in the Middle East (Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Indonesia) for a bid to combat anti-Americanism.¹ That she has failed miserably is no surprise to anyone with a mild knowledge of her two predecessors under the same administration who also failed (Charlotte Beers and Margaret Tutwiler). We hear the term Anti-American all the time when the issue is the Middle East and the wider Islamic/Muslim world. But what does the term really entail? The assumptions of this term include an ideological hatred of the United States of America. Those who remind us that this irrational ideology is growing to alarming rates often express the sentiment "were damned if we do and damned if we don't". The same people tell us that this is carefully related to "blame America syndrome". But this tells us very little about today's nature of anti-Americanism in the Muslim world, other than that "they" hate "us" and "we" must deal with "them".

The relationship between the Muslim world and the US is a one way highway where power injects from West to East, North to South and no matter how much the East and South complains of the most evident forms of exploitation visible today (military/political/economic) they will be perceived as nothing more than mobs of monolithic ingratitude towards the superior "developed" nations who want only to fix their problems and enlighten their minds. Fixing and enlightening the Muslim world is the main goal of the US quest in the Middle East, we are told, where combating anti-Americanism is only one element. It comes as a shock to many Americans that such noble aspirations of the most powerful nation in the world is everyday



Karen Hughes

being rejected by "them" when it seems "they" need it more than anyone else. Worse than their ingratitude is their irrational abhorrence to America and what she stands for.

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Certainly, the shock itself is also displayed on the one way highway alongside power, from West to East, North to South and no matter how many Eastern and Southern scholars, intellectuals, human rights advocates, politicians and religious leaders point out that it's not Western (read American) ways of life that causes them to rise up in opposition but Western (read American) foreign policy towards them, they will still be called "irrationally" anti-American, (for who can turn down civilization for primitiveness?) The foundations of the American myth being that not only are "they" inferior to "us" but "they" are also ungrateful and irrational towards "us" and this is how "we" can explain "their" hatred for "us". Like children who want only candy, "they" don't see the futility of not following the civilizational example of the "developed" peoples of the West. This is the cultural thesis we hear about all over the media, pulpits, and political offices of the US.

What is overlooked, and with important reasoning, is that the "underdeveloped" status projected on "them" by Westerners has its roots in Western colonialism and imperialism, realities of the "ancient history" (as Carter called it) that many Americans could care less about. The important

reasoning mentioned above, from the point of view of those in power here, is that it does no good for them to talk of the "root causes" of anti-Americanism in the Muslim world from a historical point of view. Instead they concentrate on it from a cultural point of view and posit "root causes" which ignore Western exploitation (military/political/economic) and emphasize racial/cultural Eurocentric mythologies from the 19th century. "They" hate "us" because of "our" values. "They" hate "us" because "they" hate our freedom. "They" are the enemies of civilization.

After the military failure of unifying Iraq and the diplomatic failure of Karen Hughes, President Bush had no choice but to declare that "we" are fighting an anti-American enemy he calls a soon to be "Islamic Empire" lead by Muslim extremists.¹¹ This myth, workable only on the gullible and ignorant, is the new form of self-aggrandizement necessary to protect the cultural myths for the purposes of American exploitation (military/political/economic). The absurdity of such a myth being adopted sincerely by many Americans despite the fact that it is truly irrational is astounding. That the Muslim world, itself plagued by extremist violence and hopelessly divided politically, economically, militarily, and religiously, is somehow supposed to constitute a potential (but in Bush's mind certain) empire of terror, is revealing in the scope of its imagination and dangerous in its scope of hatred for the Muslim "Other". Many Americans will incorporate this imaginary demon into their fearful worldview and swallow the xenophobic attitudes and assumptions it carries, all while portraying Muslims as nothing less than seeds of the irrational forces of evil.

Many of the politicians, religious ideologues, alarmist media personalities, and military-intelligence analysts in the US who speak of the growing anti-Americanism in the World (the most psychologically crucial being

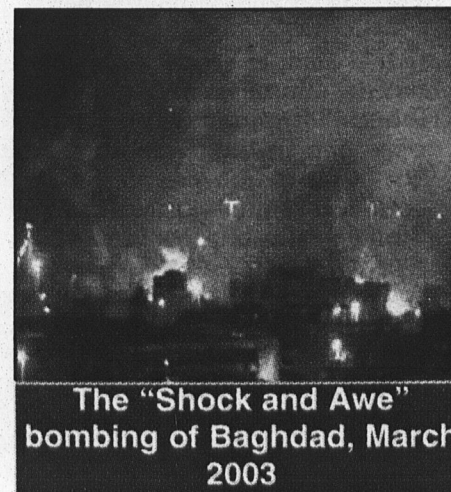
the Muslim world) speak with already embedded assumptions relating directly to the humanity of the "Others", and in this case, the Islamic "Other". *The truth about the nature of anti-Americanism really depends on which angle you chose to look at the issue (historical or cultural).* However, the fact is that many people in America use the label to repel healthy criticism of American foreign policy in the world. The dilemma arises when we find out that Muslims also eat McDonalds and drink Coke, are increasingly mimicking Western/American styles of fashion, are more versed in Western thought than Westerners are in Islamic thought (they know the West from their own works),



Terrorists have home-made weapons of terror, the "civilized," prefer industrial-made weapons of terror.

absolutely love American television game shows and sitcoms, and recognize the West (and America specifically) as hubs of economic opportunity (though this myth is also now being dismantled from within). Despite the many myths Muslims also have about the West and America, it becomes clear that Muslims cannot be generalized and placed into a category (anti-Americanism) without being engaged and heard. When they are engaged and heard, as Hughes' recent experience can testify, they will all say the same things, "we don't hate America, we hate American foreign policy." Not surprisingly, they are not alone in expressing this obvious point about American-Muslim relations. This is what the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity, a group formed by ex-U.S. intelligence officials, wrote to President Bush on February 8, 2003:

"It is widely known that you have a uniquely close relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. This presents a strong disincentive to those who might otherwise warn you that Israel's



The "Shock and Awe" bombing of Baghdad, March 2003

continuing encroachment on Arab territories, its oppression of the Palestinian people, and its preemptive attack on Iraq in 1981 are among the root causes not only of terrorism, but of Saddam Hussein's felt need to develop the means to deter further Israeli attacks."ⁱⁱⁱ

Three years after 9-11 another report by the DSB stated: "Muslims do not hate our freedom, but rather they hate our policies... The overwhelming majority voice their objections to what they see as one-sided support in favor of Israel and against Palestinian rights, and the long-standing, even increasing, support for what Muslims collectively see as tyrannies, most notably Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Pakistan and the Gulf states... Thus, when American public diplomacy talks about bringing democracy to Islamic societies, this is seen as no more than self-serving hypocrisy."

Along similar lines another group of former diplomats and high ranking retired officers (DMCC – Diplomats and Military Commanders for Change) released a statement in June of 2004 stating: "The United States suffers from close identification with autocratic regimes in the Muslim world, and from the perception of unquestioning support for the policies and actions of the present Israeli Government. To enhance credibility with Islamic peoples we must pursue courageous, energetic and balanced efforts to establish peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and policies that encourage responsible democratic reforms."^{iv} A most interesting argument against the cultural "they hate our freedoms" thesis is the following two statements of the Defense Science Board from within the Pentagon itself. In a 1997 DSB study experts found that "Historical data show a strong correlation between U.S. involvement in international situations and an increase in terrorist attacks against the United States."^v Three years after 9-11 another report by the DSB stated: "Muslims do not hate our freedom, but rather they hate our policies... The overwhelming majority voice their objections to what they see as one-sided support in favor of Israel and

against Palestinian rights, and the long-standing, even increasing, support for what Muslims collectively see as tyrannies, most notably Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Pakistan and the Gulf states... Thus, when American public diplomacy talks about bringing democracy to Islamic societies, this is seen as no more than self-serving hypocrisy."^{vi} This is far closer to the truth than what many Americans believe.

The true nature of anti-Americanism can only be historically explained. The cultural arguments are nothing more than veils meant to keep Americans from thinking for themselves and thus promoting the American empire out of ignorance and fear. Therefore, the real problem is what is expressed in a very important book written by Ziauddin Sardar and Merryl Wyn Davies titled, *Why Do People Hate America?* The authors write that,

"It was one of our central arguments that at the heart of relations between America and the rest of the world stands a problem of knowledge. In precise terms, we call it the problem of 'knowledgeable ignorance': knowing people, ideas, civilisations, religions, histories as something they are not, and could not possibly be, and maintaining these ideas even when the means exist to know differently. Knowledgeable ignorance is a term applied to the Western view of Islam and Muslims in particular. It refers to more than general negative attitudes and ideas; it defines the way in which such attitudes are built into an approach to knowledge, a body of study and expertise called Orientalism."^{vii}

Knowledge about the Islamic "Other" is crucial in reversing the tide of cultural superiority expressed in moral terms and political threats. Only after you know a people can you truly face them and speak your piece. Otherwise you are speaking your piece to an imaginary "them" created in your mind. One requires a single example to put things in a better perspective. If America had undergone Muslim colonialism and imperialism and then experienced national freedom only to realize that they are free only up to a certain degree, that neo-imperialism of a



A popular symbol of US power and occasionally, a symbol of US terrorism

Muslim empire now overshadows them, watching their every move and placing upon itself the "right" to intervene in any changes that take place which it doesn't approve of, would Americans stand for this balance of power? What if they then opposed the Muslim empire in various ways (peaceful and not) and were labeled all sorts of things from ungrateful to irrational, would Americans accept this logic? What if extremist groups from amongst an exploited America then started to terrorize Muslim countries and peoples all over the world, would Americans who are neither extremist nor approving of the Muslim empire then capitulate to the argument of a Muslim leader who announces that you're "either with us or against us"? If the tables were turned, no American would stand for what Muslims have undergone for the past few centuries under Western dominance. No manner of a Muslim empire's cultural explanations of why Americans oppose them would be acceptable. Americans would do what many Muslims are doing today and that is exposing the historical roots of the problems between Muslims and America. Enter the true nature of anti-Americanism.



The Pentagon, at various times, the center of worldwide animosity and dread

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ART & LETTER



Dear American Soldier in Iraq,

We don't hate you, personally, but we hate your leaders who sent you here and made you bomb our cities, shoot our people, insult our traditions and religion, and control our society as if we are your dogs to be trained and led by the neck. No, we don't hate you, personally, but since your leaders hide across the Atlantic and hide in the Green Zones, you have to be the one's who feel our fire.

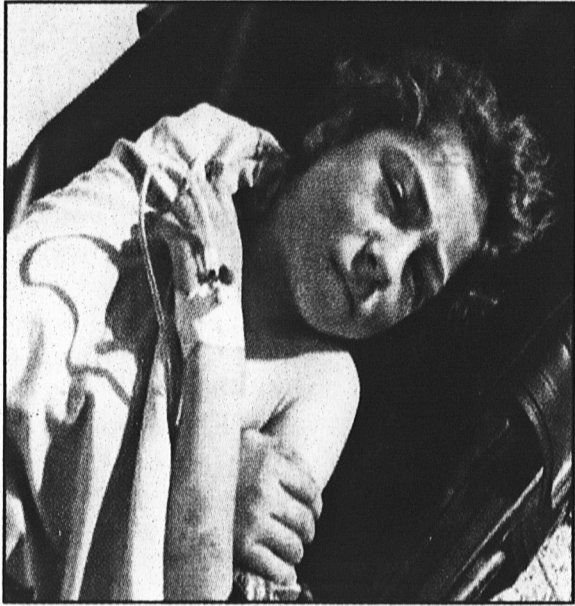
Do you really think we enjoy fighting you rather than living a normal life and bringing up our children in a society free from Saddam? What choice do we have when we see our cities in flames and our people being oppressed by your missile diplomacy and double-standard democracy? We don't want to fight you, but we must fight you and you would fight us if we had done what you are doing to us. Don't hide behind words like democracy, liberty, equality, modern, and progressive. You know these words coming from your leaders mean nothing when we see the destruction it has brought us.

Maybe there will be a time when you can visit us without bringing your missiles, tanks, and bullets. When you come not dressed as warriors, then we will welcome you as human beings.

- Muslim resister's son



ART & LETTER



Dear Extremist in Iraq,

We don't disagree with you that US forces have replaced one oppression and havoc with another. We see what they do. But we also see what you do and you are worse. You attack our mosques and our children. You coerce us into supporting your extremist methods. You act in the name of Islam but your behavior is un-Islamic. You bring the death of fanaticism into our lives.

When we read the Qur'an and contemplate the example of our Prophet, peace be upon him, we don't see you as a reflection of them. We see you as someone who uses them to express your ignorance and extremism. There have been people like you in every age and all you can ever be is a menace to Islam and the Muslim community. You do not represent us and you can never represent us.

We are Muslims and we follow Islam. We will not obey you but we will obey God. We will not follow you but we will follow Islam.

- Muslim resister's daughter



COLLEGE VOICE

Who We Are

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Purpose 1. We, in the College Voice, stand for rational and informed views that encourage people to investigate for themselves the stories behind the political, social, and environmental events shaped by our times.

Purpose 2. We stand for speaking up for the oppressed and persecuted in all nations regardless of race, color, creed or gender. Very often, the oppressed among us remain voiceless. Therefore, we aim to give some of them a voice.

Purpose 3. We stand for revealing news and information lacking in the organized media that are pertinent to purposes 1 and 2.

WHY WE STAND FOR WHAT WE STAND FOR

Statement 1. We believe that rational and informed views (the quality of information) are more accurate and significant than just any or all views (the quantity of information).

Statement 2. We believe that all human beings are equal even though we are influenced by different ideologies and trends. However, some of us are oppressed by others, and so we fit to expose the nature of oppression.

Statement 3. We believe that today, nationalism often obscures the greater and more honorable human functions of humanitarianism. One example of this obscurity is the self-censored views media corporations have on various subjects and events due to the fear of losing funding and support from narrow-minded groups of people. We believe it is important for us to follow the spirit of humanitarianism in place of nationalism.

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- Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman

"It is appallingly obvious our technology has exceeded our humanity."

- Albert Einstein

Kol. "Krazy" K

Interview One: Strategy Iraq

Interview with Kol. "Krazy" K.
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Reporter Jim: Thank you, Kol. K for allowing me to conduct this interview this morning. You're an elite member of a secret unit dedicated to the needs and strategies of war and you're not afraid to tell it like it is. Your insight and experience in making war is far too valuable to ignore. I would just like to ask you a few questions about some relevant issues these days.

Kol. "Krazy" K: Don't mention it Jim, I know whatever you have to ask and however I will respond will compliment the mission of our great nation in civilizing the world and eliminating our enemies: resisters to our benevolent Empire and those lefty liberals.

RJ: Fair enough, sir. Some Americans are saying we have to pull out of Iraq immediately because it was based on a lie and that our troops are dying needlessly. What do you say about that sir?

KKK: Look here Jim, I don't know who these people think they are but they sure aren't on our side if they're spewing such hatred about Amerika. Amerikans shouldn't think about the missing WMD's in Iraq, they should remain the spectators they are and support our president and demand a more aggressive military policy towards these uncivilized towel-heads.

RJ: Yes, but what about our soldiers and Marines dying everyday? Some say that we misused them and that they are paying a price needlessly.

KKK: See, this is the liberal-nut-lefty argument. Our troops know when they signed up that they belong to Uncle Sam and if Uncle Sam says get those Moozlems, then it's gonna suck being a Moozlem. Were winning the war. Look at the numbers: over 100,000 Iraqis dead and only 2,000 US troops dead. Were

winning in the numbers Jim. Sure some troops are always gonna get killed in the line of duty and hey, that's not gonna stop my coffee from brewing.

RJ: Your coffee sir?

KKK: Just move on to the next question Jim!

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RJ: Yes sir, next question. If Iraq fails to stabilize and the insurgents keep attacking what strategy should we adopt to succeed in Iraq?

KKK: Good question Jim, I knew when they sent you over they had briefed you well. As everyone knows, I don't care about the politically correct mumbo jumbo of the politicians, so I'm just gonna tell you how it should be. There's no better friend of our great nation than our bombs. If we lose Iraq to chaos, we just drop a few hundred thousand of these babies all over towel-head territory until the enemy is "Japanized" to the ground. No shame in it. It's a wonderful American tradition, bombing is, gets the job done.

RJ: Wonderful plan sir, but won't innocent people die if we just do that?

KKK: What?! Amerikan troops? They can take care of themselves.

RJ: No sir, I was referring to

the population of Iraq.

KKK: Oh, them. See here Jim, if it's one thing my evangelical neoconservative upbringing has taught me is that Moozlems, as were the commie Nams, Rooski Reds, Japs, Native Indians, and slaves we took care of before, are not innocent. You have to prove your innocence in my court of law. Like the President said: you're either with us or against us and these towel-headed brownies are against us. They hate us, fine. Nothing a few bunker busters and nukes can't fix.

RJ: What if bombing Iraq to the ground causes Muslims all over the Islamic world to rise up against us? There are a billion Muslims in the world, mostly from Indonesia and India, far from the war. There may be a backlash in those areas. Won't that work against us in the long run?

KKK: We have enough bombs to take care of all of em, Jim. Why let them go to waste? It's our manifest destiny to get rid of these desert camel-jockeys. The truth is the oil and other resources they live on are more valuable than they are. The sooner we realize this, the sooner we can start the bombings.

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RJ: What about the Muslims who live here? Won't they be upset if we bomb their relatives who live overseas?

KKK: That's another thing Jim, our honorable practice of safety-first. My plan is that we build huge floating prison camps on the East and West shores of this God-blessed nation and fill em up with Moozlems. Like the Japs during WW2, except these camps float like dead fish. We can call them floaty boats and let em drift here and there while we complete our mission. Then, after the "Japanizing" job is done, we can keep those who convert to what I am on these floaties, and the rest we can ship to one of several secret locations for "processing".

RJ: "Processing", sir?

KKK: Yeah, "processing", Jim. Call it the Other Final Solution.

RJ: Won't that violate the Constitution, sir?

KKK: This is war Jim! War is supposed to be terrible. People are supposed to suffer and die. Hell, what kinda war would this be if we didn't carry on the traditions of our forefathers who made damn sure war was hell with the Indians? Now I'm done with all these important questions. There's lotsa secret work to be done.

RJ: Thank you again, sir, for allowing me to interview you. You have enlightened many of us in the past and I'm sure you will continue to enlighten us in the future.

KKK: Stay American Jim.

RJ: Yes sir.

Who is Kol. "Krazy" K?

The Kol. is a trustworthy experienced commander of an elite secret unit who knows what you don't, so stop being skeptical - trust him! Kol. K hates politically correct BS and promotes a straightforward one-on-all dialogue between himself and scum like you.

On Carl Degler's Neither Black Nor White

College Voice Book Review

Carl Degler's *Neither Black nor White* is a comparison between the experiences of colored people in the United States and Brazil. The purpose of the book, Degler states, is to "explain historically the striking differences in the contemporary racial patterns of Brazil and the United States even though the history of both countries was similar in that slavery was important and only people of African ancestry were held as slaves." (p. xiii)

The audience to which he writes are "those Americans - professional historian and student, black and white, old and young - who recognize that it is still a central question of the twentieth century if the United States will be able to work out a biracial society in which blacks and whites will be able to live together in mutual respect and justice." (p. xiii) It began as work intended to fill a few pages of a journal, but as Degler researched about this subject he realized the importance of writing a book instead.

The book's purpose is also to counter another scholar who wrote on the topic named Frank Tannenbaum, who alleged that the treatment of blacks during slavery in Brazil was more humane than in the United States and that this accounts for why blacks in Brazil are more integrated and assimilated. Tannenbaum was one of the key sources for scholars who wanted to understand the American Civil Rights Movement in comparison to race relations in Brazil. Degler counters his views with interviews, statistics, research and journalist reports that suggest that Brazilian whites were/are good at concealing their racism from outsiders, and therefore, making it appear that colored people assimilated easier and

quicker in comparison to the blacks of America. Racism in Brazil is still a rampant problem and there is not much in Brazilian history to suggest that Brazilian whites were more "humane" in their slavery methods. Rather, due to the high population of Blacks in Brazil and the high number of "mixing" of races, is why Brazil appears more accepting of blacks than the United States. Also, as the title suggests, mulattos are the key to Brazil's race relations. What Degler calls the "Mulatto escape hatch", is exactly what accounts for the major difference in race relations after slavery in both nations. Degler explains that, "In Brazil the mulatto is not a negro, whereas in the United States he is. Out of this seemingly slight difference, as this book seeks to demonstrate, the divergence in race relations in the two countries grew." (p. xviii)

Degler points out that the scholars in Brazil have moved to explain racism in Brazil from identifying color prejudice as one of the prime culprits. However, "a comparable reversal of explanations for race relations in the United States has been in progress... a number of scholars have begun to emphasize the role of class or culture, and to downplay racial prejudice". (Pp. xvi-xvii) In connection to this, it was the revolutionary movements in the U.S. that have influenced and aided colored Brazilians to attain "self-consciousness" as a people of color.

What interested me most about Degler's study is the explanation of self-hatred that many blacks and Mulattos express. One of the consequences is, "the inability of the Negro to express

aggression or to manipulate it constructively results in turning it against himself or other Negroes." (p. 162) It is interesting because I have found this to be a global phenomenon. The psychological effect of racial domination and exploitation in Brazil, as well as the United States, broadens the problem of race relations.

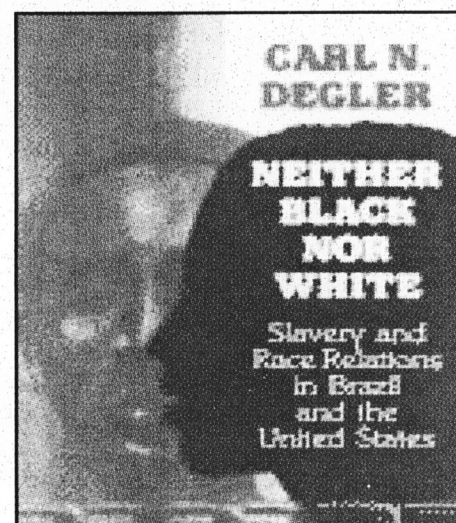
Of all the problems blacks and mulattos experience, as listed and described by Degler, the striving towards looking and behaving "whiter" is most troubling - even more so than economic, political and social subjugation. In the latter, an outside force is the cause of oppression, but in the former, one oppresses oneself. Self-hatred also conceals the true problems blacks and mulattos experience, which in turn amplifies the problems. Finally, self-hatred assigns moral, economic, political, and social victory to the oppressor (an artificial one at best).

Another interesting part of the book is the amount of overt racism displayed by Brazilian whites towards blacks and in some cases mulattos. Two examples illustrate how color prejudice in Brazil excuses itself. First is a quote from a white man from Sao Paulo:

"History indicates in various countries, blacks who have exercised with complete success in various times, the most varied professional activities such as journalists, lawyer, engineer, doctor, etc. But on the other hand, the science that observes the facts coldly, free of any passion, has proved that, even today, the Negroes have not made themselves into a civilized people.... From it I can only conclude that some

Negroes are capable of exercising some professional activity, but that the majority of the race is, as daily facts show, totally incapable." (Pp. 197-198) The second example is also a quote from a white student directed towards her colleague, who is black, in reference to Italy's invasion and occupation of Ethiopia: "It is good they took Ethiopia, for it will give education to those Negroes! I do not like blacks." (p. 197) Both remarks are made casually as if they are acceptable views.

Degler's work illustrates not only the key differences between race relations in the U.S. and Brazil, but also shows us the depth of irrational thinking that has created and sustains race problems. Most people are quicker to dismiss race problems within their national consciences, but as Degler has shown, race still matters.



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wait until the Democrats finally get their resolutions passed in Congress. Without the struggle being waged by the Iraqi resistance, whatever its political shortcomings may be, it's doubtful that any of the politicians would have ever even timidly questioned Bush to begin with. After all, the only reason that they have done so is because the US is losing.

The Democrats still support the war, not just because they are "gutless, spineless and clueless" as Ralph Nader has characterized them, but because they are a partner party of America's ruling rich and are as committed to the maintenance of American imperialism as the Republican right is. Hence, the similarity of both bosses parties programs and perspectives on almost every major issue. First and foremost on the list is the "war on terror," which, like the "cold war" and the "war on drugs" before it, is nothing more than window dressing for Washington and Wall Street's quest for world domination.

On the other hand, the liberal left still supports the Democrats, because they believe that the only way that any social change in this country will take place is through



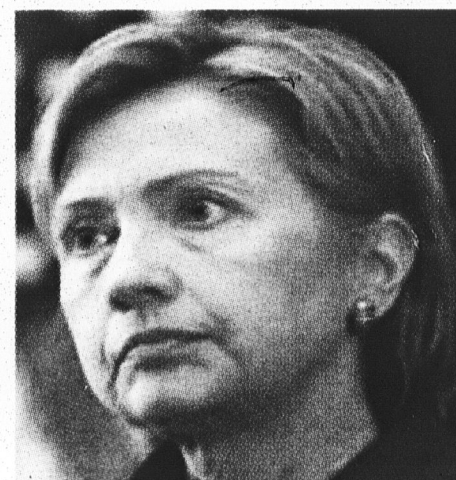
putting more of them into office. Hence their hostility to any individual (Ralph Nader) or organization (ANSWER) that threatens to break the stranglehold that the Democrats keep the mass movements in. In other words, they either support or go along with the continued existence of a system that is based upon war, racism and economic inequality even though they are obviously opposed to all of them. This is because they see no alternatives to it, in spite of all the radical rhetoric about "another world is possible" that was so popular not too long ago. Thus the right wings of the antiwar and the anti globalization movements made common cause under the banner of "Anybody But Bush" last year by supporting the pro-war and pro-globalization

Democrats.

Unlike the Democrats, whose disapproval ratings rightly rival those of Bush, Cindy Sheehan's uncompromising opposition to the war has earned her the respect and support of millions of working class Americans who feel the same way. While she may have been willing to talk shop with Hillary Clinton, Sheehan is not beholden to the Democrats the way the leaders of UFPJ are because she is not in thrall to the doctrines and dogmas of "lesser evilism" the way they are. If anything, Cindy Sheehan has far more guts (and brains) than any of the liberal left leaders who put the anti-war movement on hold for over a year in order to support a pro-war politician like John Kerry ... regardless of how much it demoralized and demobilized the movement. Realizing that "[t]he movement gained nothing from his (John Kerry's) candidacy," Sheehan now "regret(s) supporting John Kerry in 2004."

The leaders of the liberal left, on the other hand, want to use the revitalized movement to advance the Democrats' 2006 congressional campaign. Because the liberal left has helped co-opt any and every mass movement into the dead-end of Democratic Party politics, a

movement that put millions of people into the streets doesn't have a single representative in any elected body in the U.S. and is dependent on the whims of pro-war politicians and the "swing state" voters that supposedly support them. Political pundit Dick Morris is hardly off the mark when he writes that the "left is leaderless" in the pages of the New York Post. Unlike the leadless left, Cindy Sheehan recently told author Joshua Frank that she thought the Democrats should be abandoned, stating that she "will not support a pro-war Democrat." Isn't it high time that the movement as a whole did the same!



Even the Jewish Virtual Library, proud Zionists, exhibit population statistics that clearly demonstrate that the Palestinian Arab people were a huge majority of the population until they were massacred and expelled by European Zionists in 1948. Before 1947, Jews owned less than 10% of the land of Palestine; despite that, the United Nations partition plan, passed in that year, sought to designate 55% of Palestine as a "Jewish state." Most of these colonial settlers are European, and have no right to claim Palestine as their country; even those Jews from Arab countries and North Africa who entered Palestine as occupiers have no right to claim Palestine as their own, at the expense of the indigenous Palestinians.

In contrast, the Palestinian people are indigenous to Palestine; they do not come from Europe, America, North Africa or other Arab countries. They were expelled from their land by European Jews, the colonial settlers who created the state of Israel. The Palestinians should be the ones who have a state on the land of Palestine, and the Jews should be citizens of that state. Whatever land that Jews owned before 1948 is rightfully theirs, and the land and property that Palestinians owned before 1948 should be rightfully Palestinian. It should be returned - but the Israeli state is forcing the Palestinians to struggle to get it back by force. The Palestinian people do not want to be fighting right now; they want to work, make money, build homes, educate their children and have food on the table like everyone else - but they are the victims of Zionism and the creation of the state of Israel, a crime that continues today.

The aims of the Zionist colonial settler project could not be achieved merely by owning the land that had been purchased prior to 1948. Instead, they kicked out the Palestinians; they needed to steal the land and forcibly get rid of the Palestinians in order to accomplish their goals. The Zionist leaders knew what

they were doing and were, at times, frank in their admissions of their goals and methods. According to Chomsky in his book "The Fateful Triangle", the future Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, was one who spoke frankly:

"In 1936-9, the Palestinian Arabs attempted a Nationalist revolt ... David Ben-Gurion, eminently a realist, recognized its nature. In internal discussion, he noted that 'in our political argument abroad, we minimize Arab opposition to us,' but he urged, 'let us not ignore the truth among ourselves.' The truth was that 'politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves... The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down,

and in their view we want to take away from them their country, while we are still outside'... The revolt was crushed by the British, with considerable brutality."

However, it is rarely necessary to research deeply in order to realize who are indigenous to the land and who are not. In fact, it is often very simple. Go to any Palestinian, anywhere in the world, in Palestine or in exile, and ask them where their grandparents were

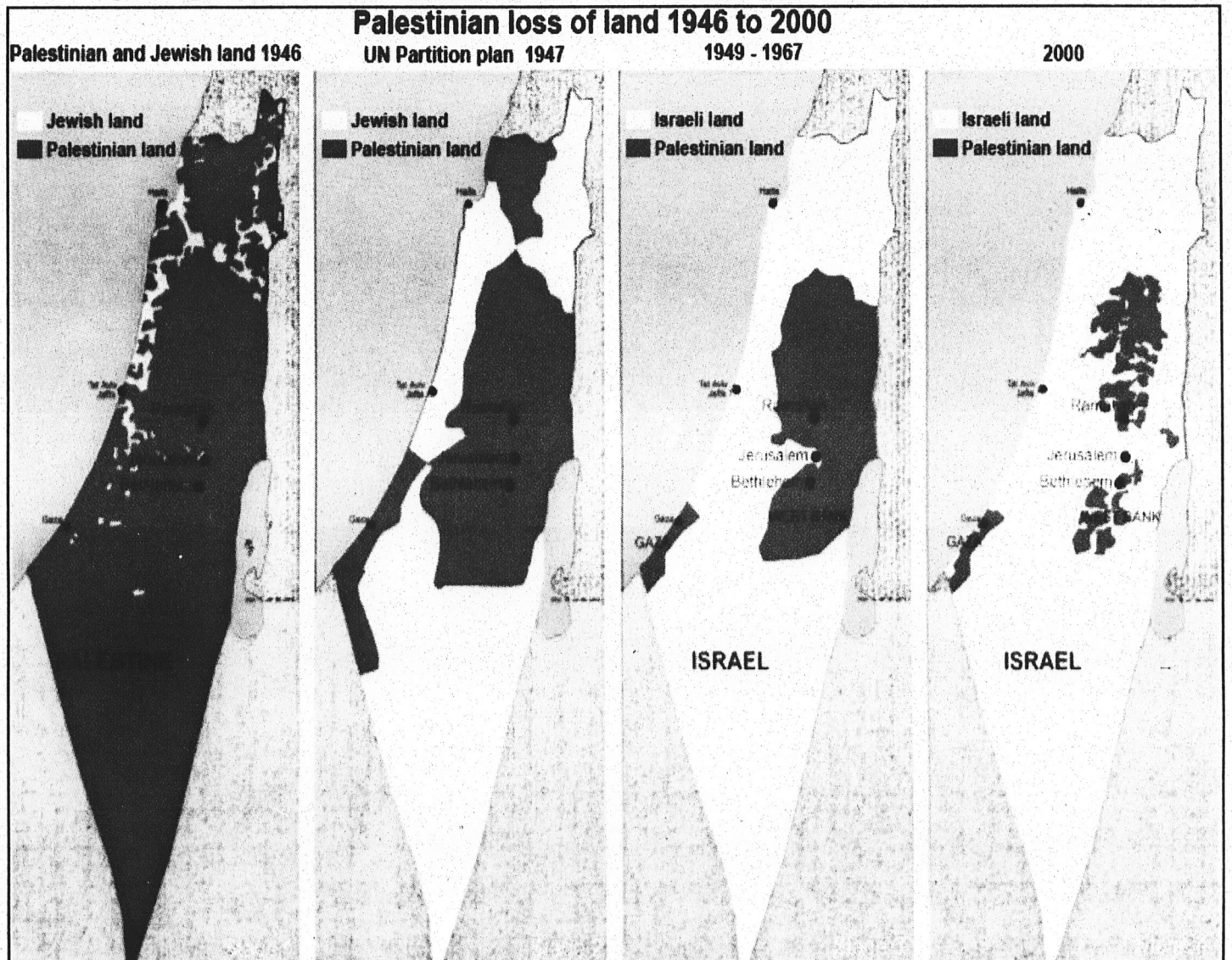
born; they will tell you the village or area in Palestine. Do the same to the Israelis; ask any Israeli where their grandparents were born, and the vast majority will tell you - Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Germany, and America, anywhere but Palestine.

The so-called "Israelis," then, are mostly European; not only were their grandparents born in Europe, many of today's "Israelis" were also born in Europe themselves. Over 1 million Europeans from the former Soviet Union alone have settled in Palestine in the fifteen years since the end of the Soviet Union, while Palestinians who were forcibly expelled from their land by European Zionist settlers are denied the right to return to their homes, and the occupation of Palestine continues until today.

The state of Israel has no right to exist on stolen Palestinian land. The only solution to the conflict is to allow the Palestinians who were expelled from Palestine to return to their homes and properties, which are rightfully theirs, and to allow the indigenous Palestinian people to build a state in all of historic Palestine where those Jews who live there now can be citizens of this Palestinian state, enjoying

equal rights. Whoever is unwilling to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people to return and to self-determination can leave and return to the land of their grandparents.

Those who are unwilling to accept justice should leave Palestine; they are not indigenous, they are foreign colonizers - even those who claim to not intend to be colonizers and settlers still, in reality, are exactly that. To suit the interests of justice and reduce the possibility of conflict for centuries to come, these colonizers must accept the rights of Palestinians to their land. It is deeply unfair that any Jew, anywhere in the world, can become a citizen of Israel and make a claim to Palestinian land - while the millions of Palestinian refugees in exile are not allowed to return, and the Palestinians who live in Palestine are abused, murdered, tortured, occupied, discriminated against, denied statehood, denied an identity and denied equal rights. It is to the indigenous Palestinian people to determine the future of Palestine's European settlers, for them to return to the nations from which they came, or to integrate them into one Palestinian state.



Where are Your Grandparents From?

AYMAN EL-SAYED

Many people do not know who the Palestinian people really are, nor who are what they refer to as "Israelis." In fact, it seems that most people believe that the colonialists and settlers in Palestine have "always been there," and that Israelis are indigenous to the land of Palestine. This article aims to shed light upon the obscured history and demographics of Occupied Palestine, or the colonial apartheid state of Israel.

Demographics - the characteristics of a population - is an important issue both for Palestinians, the indigenous inhabitants of Palestine, and for the Zionists who have sought to eradicate Palestinian Arab identity and existence from Palestine. The indigenous people of the land of Palestine are the Palestinians, while the majority of Israeli citizens are from Europe, the United States and other countries outside Palestine; the majority of the people who constitute the Israeli people and state are foreign to Palestine, and came to Palestine as colonizers of indigenous Palestinian land. Like the French colonizers of Algeria, and the British colonizers of India, they are European colonialists who have no inherent "right" to be there, occupying Palestinian land.

This issue is too infrequently addressed and researched despite its importance. Recognition of the indigenous stature and rights of the Palestinian people is a key point in rejecting the dangerous and defeatist "two-state solution," and in rejecting the so-called "right" of Israel to exist as a state on stolen Palestinian land.

While some "Israeli" Jews in Palestine today migrated to Palestine from other Arab countries and a small minority of Jews lived in Palestine amongst the other Arab Palestinians long before the advent of Zionism, most "Israeli" Jews in Palestine today are not indigenous to the land of Palestine, nor descendants of

indigenous Palestinians. In fact, the majority come from Europe or the United States, and it is these who dominate the Zionist political arena.

According to the CIA World Fact Book, the ethnic group breakdown of the Zionist state is as follows: "Jewish 80.1% (Europe/America-born 32.1%, Israel-born 20.8%, Africa-born 14.6%, Asia-born 12.6%), non-Jewish 19.9% (mostly Arab)."



The majority are European- or American-born; even the 20.8% designated as "Israel-born" include a large number of those who are descendants of the earlier Zionist colonial settlers in Palestine - who also were not born in Palestine and are not indigenous to Palestine. The rest were also born outside of Palestine in Asia and North Africa; they as well as European Jews have no "right" on the basis of religion or ethnicity to settle in Palestine, and occupy Palestinian land.

According to About.com's statistics on the Zionist state, immigration (or, more accurately, colonization), is the basis of the "Israeli" population: "Since the nation was formed a total of 2,894,094 people immigrated to Israel: 454,100 from Asia,

519,700 from Africa, 1,761,196 from Europe and 258,000 from America." Again, the vast majority come from Europe.

Jews who are not of European descent also face discrimination in Israel; the non-European Jewish communities have had revolts and protests against the Israeli state, which is mostly dominated by Ashkenazi European Jews.

According to the MSN Encarta Encyclopedia:

"The two main groupings of Jews are Ashkenazim and Sephardim. The Ashkenazim, whose tradition was centered in Germany in the Middle Ages, now include Jews of Central and Eastern European origin. The Sephardim, whose tradition grew in Spain in the Middle Ages, now include Jews with ancestry from the Middle East, North Africa, and the Mediterranean region. Historically the groups differ in religious rite, pronunciation of Hebrew, and social customs. Ashkenazic Jews, who formed a majority at the time of Israeli independence, continue to dominate political life as well as the upper levels of employment

and education. Sephardic Jews immigrated rapidly to Israel in the decades after independence. The new state's lack of resources to handle this flood, combined with cultural differences between the new immigrants and the Ashkenazic establishment, resulted in separate and usually poorer Sephardic communities. The Sephardim continue to struggle for greater economic and political influence."

This indicates the domination of Ashkenazi European Jews in political life - a domination that extends not only to discrimination and oppression targeting the Palestinian people, but also against non-European Jews. However, this discrimination recedes in comparison to the oppression and suffering of the Palestinian people and the occupation of Palestinian land.

According to Noam Chomsky in Safundi, the Journal of South African and American Comparative Studies, the majority of the Jews that lived in Palestine before the creation of the state of Israel were anti-Zionist:

"Well, there was a small Jewish community that was mostly anti-Zionist. There was a traditional Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem and a few other places, but before the European settlers started coming in it was strongly anti-Zionist, and their descendants are still anti-Zionist. This is by now a marginal, small group. They were Orthodox Jews who wanted to pray in Jerusalem, and they even called on Jordan to take over Jerusalem again so they could have religious freedom, which they feel they don't have under Israel. But they are a separate story, you know. That's also not one-hundred percent of them. There was a pro-Zionist element among them, too, but the majority of them—before what's called the Aliyah, meaning "rising to the land," the arrival of Europeans—were anti-Zionist."

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