Iraq Since 2003 - With historical help, we take a continuing look at the Main Stream Misleadia © 2011 - 3^{rd} in a series by Michael Keehn mhkeehn@gmail.com mhkeehn.tripod.com

From our history, we know that the "Gulf of Tonkin" incident, which was used as cause and reason to escalate the Vietnam War, was a fraud and a lie. Now we have attacked another nation under yet another lie... "weapons of mass destruction." We did this when no conflict between Iraq and the United States yet existed.

The justification in killing rests in defense. For example, if some psychopath enters our home with a machete and has struck one of the members of the household with the machete, causing a serious, perhaps life threatening wound, then we would be justified in picking up a gun and shooting this individual. DEFENSE! And we would normally be found *not guilty* of murder since defending one's family is considered "self defense."

But would we be found "not guilty" of murder if we were to shoot someone because we thought they might be going to harm a family member, or even our self, someday, maybe? Absolutely not, yet this is the case we are attempting to make when we enter a country like Iraq and begin killing its population, now over one-hundred-thousand people.

What kind of *mind set* do we have when we support such an action or war. Do we believe that we are, somehow, more important than the people we send our military to kill? Do we believe that our children are more important than the children in another country? If so, why do we believe this? And do we, for even a moment, believe that killing people who have not one-tenth the weapons we have will be justified in the eyes of God?

Do we think killing people who are much more defenseless than ourselves is a *Christian* thing to do and God is going to reward us? Is that who we are? Because if it is, it is no wonder that so many people of this world don't like us very much and want to cause us harm.

"TERRORISM FEEDS ON WAR" – Antiwar Poster

"Once the war against Saddam begins, we expect every American to support our military, and if they can't do that, just shut-up." – Bill O'Reilly, FOX News Commentator. The element missing here is a *properly constituted war*. "The Congress shall have the power to... declare war..." – Constitution for the united States of America, Article I, Section 8.

Congress did not declare war against Iraq. The point here is that there is a difference between "war" and "murder." Was the united States of America justified in entering World War II? Of course, we were attacked at Pearl Harbor by an Axis Power. Were we justified in attacking Vietnam? Not that I can see, the "Gulf of Tonkin" incident being a lie which cost about four-million Asian lives and fifty-six-thousand American lives.

Is the war in Iraq one of defense? Can we justify the war? Not that I can see. Oh, we can make up any story we want to brainwash the masses into believing we are defending ourselves, but such stories are simple lies for simple minds. Declaring *weapons of mass destruction* as the cause and reason to kill people is the equivalent of you killing your neighbor because he has several rifles, obviously he's intending to kill you and your family. This is the same bull-shot logic used by government to justify killing Iraqi's and is struggling hard to come up with the next lie that justifies the killing of Iranians as well. In the case of the Iranians they are trying to make a case of nuclear weapons which leads me to wonder if one will be detonated here to justify the next World War. If this does happen, it will be highly unlikely that the Iranians are who detonated it.

Speaking of antiwar protestors, Tracy Barry of Northwest News Channel 8 says, "Protestors burn 'old glory', hold up traffic and simply, just create chaos at rush hour." Question: "How do the people of the Untied States get their government to listen to them when what they think is not what the government leadership thinks?

Should they use letters which can be ignored and hidden? Perhaps they should use emails, but these can suffer the same fate as letters. Is it possible that an antiwar minority population may see things that the majority population does not see? If "yes", then how do they communicate with the majority?

Thus far it has only been independent media who has been on the streets, giving the antiwar activist a voice. Not everyone in the United States believes that killing people is a solution to differences in this day and age. However, killing people is a solution to the installation of a puppet government who will sell the oil resources of the country to the United States for whatever the U.S. wants to pay.

Since very large numbers of people are being murdered in our name, should we ask why the *corporate media* is so eager to wage war? Is it because their advertising accounts include corporations who benefit greatly from war, which means the media itself will also benefit?

There is strong evidence to indicate that the majority of Americans today do not want war. They are not the *silent majority* they are the *silenced majority*, silenced by the corporate misleadia who ignores and marginalizes them.

It should be obvious to everyone, but in the event it is not, allow me to make it clear here. There has been a merger of *Show business* and *News business*, and in this merger, the News Business has now become entertainment rather than an information service, thus the appropriate name of *Main Stream Misleadia*. Along with that, journalists have now become actors. Today's news is a fast paced production with animated graphics to show the viewer a sanitized version of what occurs, not the reality.

The war in Iraq has become entertainment, something like a reality show, but only showing the sanitized images for unquestioning minds. It is treated as though it were a sporting event. Some news broadcasts actually referring to the military *game* plan, insinuating it's all a big game, like football. Well, it's not a game, and innocent people are dying as a result of what the main stream

misleadia is calling a "game." One might wonder if the misleadia would call it a *game* if it were their children or wife who was killed today? And therein lays the question for all of us.