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Fighting Terrorism Around the Globe

It seems that everyday there is a terrorist attack of some sort around the world and usually they are carried out for religious reasons. This is not always the case and the world does have pirates, political dissidents and subjugated class warfare. Most countries have dealt with these attacks and unrest internally. Our own country, which was horifically attacked on September 11th, 2001, has taken a different tact and is patroling the globe looking for a fight.

The belief is that if we take the fight to the terrorist in their own element, then they won't be able to summon an attack in our own country. The problem is that we are fighting the most common terrorists of our time, radical Islamic extremists. They are present in dozens of countries as sects of a now burdgeoning Muslim faith including our *own country*. Their fight against us is seeded in a combination of hatred for Christianity, capitalism, democracy and a contempt for us being present in their former homeland countries. As we carry our fight against them into their own backyards they just multiply and hate us all the more. Perhaps another method would provide better results in this war on terroism. After all, we have spent enough to win a world war on this mission, spent more time trying to accomplish it and still can't see the end in sight.

What other ways could we possibly combat this ever growing threat to our nation and the world's stability as a whole? I would propose initiating a dialogue among the various Muslim sects about reining in their spiritual brothers. We should also refrain from inflaming the reasons at the root of the hatred these Islamic extremists have for us. How about we try minding our own business and just buy the oil we need? Why don't we try bringing the troops home and stop forcing our values, beliefs and system of government on those that don't appreciate them? If we aren't asked to be there, then we shouldn't be there. I think it is time to take a hard look at who we will allow to immigrate to our country and those that we let apply for citizenship here. It is also high time we protect our own borders and the means of transit into our country. We certainly would have the funds and troop numbers required to protect our country in a direct manner if we stopped warring across the globe.

The fact is that as we have gained control in one country or region, we have lost control or seen new threats crop up in several others. What started out as a fight in Iraq and Afghanistan has now spread to Pakistan, Turkey, Yemen, Malaysia and Somalia as well as limited activity in England, Russia, Spain and here in the U.S.A. The tremendous cost of the progress we have made, only to see terrorism crop up elsewhere, is just too much for our nation alone to shoulder. I realize that some of our allies have assisted and provided troops in this war on terroism, but none anywhere near the degree that our country has. If we are to continue fighting terrorism as we are today, other civilized nations of the world need to be contributing more troops, funding and intelligence.

I support our troops as much as any of my fellow citizens, but also think they should be sent into action wisely. A look at our objectives should lead us to a strategy to accomplish them. Only then should we develop the military strategy needed as just one part of the overall plan to achieve our goals. It seems that we are only focusing on the military option to fight this war and that it is also a strategy of always being on the offensive. Many great leaders have successfully exercised diplomacy and others have relied on defensive measures to achieve their objectives. Let's work together to formulate a winning plan that is worthy of America and execute it in a cohesive manner as we did in the Second World War. The world is watching our every move and as always letting us take the lead. We can not afford to fail.

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