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### The New American Insurgency - Look Now Towards the Mirror

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Now I officially HAVE seen everything. While my calendar tells me that it's 2006, it might as well be Nazi Germany in the 1930's all over again.

Newt Gingrich is calling for some new terminology for my friends and I who are non-appreciative of the current US wars. Seems that we will all be labeled as either "enemies" or part of the "insurgency." Clever way to start the civil war that divides us all quite neatly into two distinct camps, huh? That's what fascist governments have done throughout history in order to keep the people from uniting against the beast ... that is, those in control of their government.

Neo-cons know that they must create civil war within a nation when it is the evil-doing elite regime in power that **\*is\*** the actual problem. Gingrich has apparently taken on the lead, creating a distraction away from the "root cause" of US domestic problems by taking America's eyes off the actual criminals. Instead, the Congressional war-hawks' cries have started to encourage American citizens to begin to point hateful fingers at one another.

I can't wait to see the very first index-finger pointed in my direction by a US war-lover, along with the dead giveaway "Hisssssss" sound. Invasion of the body-snatched, I admittedly hereby await the identification of being one of the accused in Gingrich's war on the peace-lovers, the new American "insurgency".

Gosh, the likes of me is the nation's new enemy now, I guess? I look in the mirror and see the roundish, freckled, pleasant face of some ordinary middle-aged mom. Somehow though, I just never looked in the mirror and saw myself as an enemy before. I mean, I help out at the local school, take kids on nature walks, and make homemade cards for the sick and elderly in nursing homes. I sell cookies with the scouts though admittedly, when the topic of war or 9/11 comes up, I try to tell people about the reasons we got into Afghanistan in the first place. Since we were only told one reason why we are fighting that particular war (few Americans actually know we are still fighting two wars) and since the FBI does not even want the bearded guy in the cave who we went in there "on the hunt" looking for, I figure that people just might like to know about the well-kept secrets of the war on Afghanistan.

Who would have ever thought back in the 60's that history would repeat itself and telling the truth about senseless killing, slaughter, and genocide of innocent human beings would again brand ordinary, decent people as enemies of the state?

Will we soon have to start identifying our position on these wars on our tax returns? Perhaps they will make it easy for us. Check one: Choice A - Enemy of the State/Truth Telling Peace-Lover; or, Choice B - Patriot/Middle Eastern Genocidal Wars-Lover.

Wonder if we will be given special privileges for revealing the names of our neighbors who don't like the administration's method of bringing "freedom" and "democracy" through bombing, raping, shooting babies, bombing safe shelters, poisoning civilians with radioactive uranium, zappin' them with white phosphorous, and committing heinous crimes like inhumane torture? Maybe if someone rats on a neighbor for putting a peace sign on their car bumper they will get a choice of a nifty prize like a blender, a toaster oven, or free tickets to a NASCAR race as their special reward from military contractors such as GE, Halliburton, and Bechtel?

More questions come to mind with this new Us vs. Them "domestic terrorist" line of terminology! Could it be possible that the term "Enemy Combatant" will be revealed soon by the highly controlled mainstream media to add to right extremist Gingrich's vocabulary list? On second thought, no. Newt's already done his share of the mission as the US version of Joseph Goebbels and fascist Nazi-esque propaganda. They'll probably assign that new term to their old stand-by, war partner-in-crime, Joe Lieberman. And without any doubt, they'll leave the issue of physical torture techniques for American "insurgency enemies" (like me) to the neo-cons dearest bosom buddy, good ol' Dr. Frist.

Wonder if they will start labeling peaceniks by branding us? And if so, what label might an insurgent

have to wear on her sleeve? A dove perhaps? Or maybe a peace sign in rainbow colors to identify and mark her as an enemy of the people because she, as an official "insurgent", happens to think that killing dark-skinned people for no good reason is a really bad idea.

Good God, the scariest part of this is that at least half of all Americans are not able to see through this as faithful watchers of the fourth branch of government's "spin TV" news. It seems that about half of them are totally clueless about this strategy by the extreme neo-con right-winger lunatics to divide the people and turn us against one another instead of striking out at the real root, the real cause of US troubles; namely, the aggressive, imperialistic military dominators in power who have completely turned their backs on America in its quest to provide the necessary resources for waging illegal wars without any apparent end.

We need truth education about the origins of these wars and the lies about the continued justification for killing hordes of innocent people like we've never needed it before. The Jehovah Witnesses have got the right idea by going door to door. Only trouble is, they don't seem to get a whole lot of people opening up their doors for them.

So we need to go wherever non-insurgents go - maybe McDonald's or Wal-Marts, perhaps. Because those of us (we, the American insurgents, that is) who realize what is going on must reach out in true grassroots fashion and wake up those who think that US War Making is synonymous with the pre-destined Will of Jesus. We have got to reach out and shake some truth into those who actually still believe that W's "War On Terra" has anything whatsoever to do with some crazed freedom-hating Muslim "evil-doers".

May all activists for truth and peace be labeled as insurgents and spread our insurgency to every single little pink house in every town, city, and village in America. If we are going to be called the "insurgency", may we cling onto this label and demonstrate it with all the gusto, courage, and compassion that we can possibly muster.

As the late, great original peace-wager of all times, JC, once said, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." And in the words of Hannah Arendt, "The sad truth is that most evil is done by people who never make up their minds to be good or evil".

So let us, the new American insurgents, make up our minds to be as good as we can be and spread the truths about the real origins, justifications, and cruel facts about these killing American wars.

Because, after all, If we're going to be called "enemies"? Let's then fully live up to our name and be the insurgents who are willing to stand up against the lies used to kill obscene numbers of the innocent, using our name.

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