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Obama Fact Sheet: A call to consciousness

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Among actions in the Bush/Obama 'War of Terror' since Barack Obama (Barry Soetoro) took office, aside from authorizing [CIA and military black op targeted killings of American civilians and civilians in other countries](#), persons called [Targeted Individuals](#), and authorizing the [Gulf of Mexico based genocide and ecocide operation including gassing millions of Americans](#), he has authorized a long list of other lesser known actions to catapult New World Order fascism. The Florida human rights organization, [St. Pete for Peace](#) has released a fact sheet of these actions by Obama/Soetoro, a call to consciousness.

Henry Kissinger explained Obama's role. Kissinger stated, "His task, will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period, when really a New World Order can be created. Its a great opportunity. It isn't a crisis. He [Obama] has appointed an extraordinarily capable group [of advisers and staff] in both foreign and economic fields." ([YouTube](#))

On Obama appointments, economist Dean Baker highlighted that selecting them was like selecting Osama Bin Laden to run the war on terror." ([Read](#) or [listen](#) to Baker's entire speech)

Human rights standards guarantee the right of people to be informed of and to participate in decisions that may affect their rights. It is in that spirit, in effort to counter [disinformation for forced depopulation](#) and enslavement of survivors that the St. Pete for Peace fact sheet is presented below

Obama has:

- Secretly deployed US special forces to [75 countries](#)
- Promoted offshore drilling, saying it is "[not risky](#)"
- Continued Bush's [rendition program](#)
- Started a military offensive in [Yemen](#)
- Escalated the war in [Afghanistan](#)
- Did a TV commercial promoting "[clean coal](#)"
- Increased drone attacks in [Pakistan](#)
- Put missiles and troops near the [Russian border](#)
- Sent ships and missiles to the waters near [Iran](#)
- [Increased arms sales](#) to Persian Gulf nations
- Continued the occupation of [Iraq](#), in spite of saying otherwise
- Signed agreement for 7 military bases in [Colombia](#)

Here's a partial history of Obama's dealings - listed (roughly) chronologically, most recent first:

- Secret Assault on Terrorism Widens on Two Continents. In roughly a dozen countries — from deserts of North Africa, to mountains of Pakistan, to former Soviet republics — the United States has significantly increased military and intelligence operations ([read](#)).
- New ACLU report: the Obama administration is permanently enshrining into law many of President Bush's most controversial policies ([read](#)).
- White House proposal would grant FBI access to Internet activity records without court order ([read](#)).
- The Obama administration is deporting record numbers of illegal immigrants and auditing hundreds of businesses that hire undocumented workers ([read](#)).
- Obama lifts ban on Indonesian Special Forces Kopassus, despite their brutal human rights record ([read](#)).
- Obama sends 46 Navy warships, 7,000 marines to Costa Rica ([read](#)).
- White House Enacts Rules Inhibiting Media From Covering Oil Spill ([read](#)).
- Former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya accused the United States of being behind the 2009 coup that ousted him ([read](#)).
- US Ignores Calls for End to Gaza Siege. The Obama administration is refusing to join international calls for a complete end to the Israeli siege of the Gaza Strip ([read](#)).
- The Pentagon's spy unit has begun rebuilding a controversial database that was shut down three years ago after it was found to have been used to monitor US peace activists ([read](#)).
- Obama Administration Keeping Blackwater Armed and Dangerous in Afghanistan - another \$120M contract awarded ([read](#)).
- With Rumored Manhunt for Wikileaks Founder and Arrest of Alleged Leaker of Video Showing Iraq Killings, Obama Admin Escalates Crackdown on Whistleblowers of Classified Information ([read](#)).
- With a strong push from the Obama administration, the United Nations Security Council voted to impose a fourth round of sanctions on Iran ([read](#)).
- Obama Administration Might Hold Non-Afghan Detainees at Bagram Indefinitely -- Administration Should Not Re-Create Gitmo, Says ACLU ([read](#)).
- **Obama secretly deploys US special forces to 75 countries across world ([read](#)). The dramatic expansion in the use of special forces go far beyond the covert missions authorized by George W. Bush. Countries include Iran, Georgia, Ukraine, Bolivia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Peru, Yemen, Pakistan and the Philippines.**
- In the days since President Obama announced a moratorium on permits for drilling new offshore oil wells, at least seven new permits for various types of drilling and five environmental waivers have been granted ([read](#)).
- James Carville on Obama's response to the Gulf oil spill: He is risking everything with 'go along with BP strategy' ([read](#)).
- U.S. troops executing prisoners in Afghanistan: Seymour Hersh ([read](#)).
- Obama gives CIA authority to expand strikes by unmanned aerial vehicles in Pakistan ([read](#)).
- Government Exempted BP from Environmental Review ([read](#)).
- An amendment to increase Congressional oversight of the Federal Reserve failed following pressure from the White House ([read](#)).
- Obama approves targeted assassination of an American citizen ([read](#)).
- Obama signs law allowing weapons in National Parks ([read](#)).
- Obama: **Drill, Baby, Drill**. Obama to open offshore areas to oil drilling -- In June 2008, then-Sen. Obama told reporters in Jacksonville, Florida, "when I'm president, I intend to keep in place the moratorium here in Florida and around the country that prevents oil companies from drilling off Florida's coasts" ([read](#)). **Obama said offshore oil drilling is "not risky"** ([read](#)).
- Obama: 30,000 more troops to **Afghanistan** by summer 2010 (*will bring total to about 100,000*) ([read](#)).
- Bush Obama imperialism mask http://www.ironrail.org/blog/uploaded_images/bush_obama_imperialism-747174.jpg
- US-backed **Indonesian** armed forces, who carried out a series of assassinations of civilian activists in late 2009, are slated for renewed aid by the Obama administration ([read](#)).
- US-Backed **Somali** Troops Prepare Major Offensive ([read](#)).
- Obama signs **Patriot Act** extension without reforms ([read](#)).
- Obama unveils plans to build new **nuclear power plants** ([read](#)).
- School bombing exposes Obama's secret war inside **Pakistan** ([read](#)).
- Obama administration raises stakes on **Iran** by sending in ships and missiles ([read](#)).
- Obama administration steps up **arms sales** to Persian Gulf allies ([read](#)).
- Obama seeking \$44 billion **increase in military budget** - including \$5b for nuclear arsenal ([read](#)).

- 15 killed in drone strike in northwest **Pakistan** ([read](#)).
- Blackwater in **Pakistan**: Gates confirms ([read](#)).
- U.S. Moves Missiles And Troops To **Russian Border** ([read](#)).
- France accuses US of 'occupying' **Haiti** as troops flood in ([read](#)).
- Obama Ordered U.S. Military Strike on **Yemen** ([read](#)).

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- Conservative praise for Nobel speech. "If Bush had said these things the world would be filled with violent denunciations... when Obama says them, people purr. That is fine by me." ([read](#)).
- Obama signs military bases agreement with Colombia ([read](#)).
- Obama Seeks PATRIOT ACT Extensions ([read](#)).
- Administration Seeks to Keep Terror Watch-List Data Secret --As of last Sept., the list included 1.1 million names and aliases corresponding to 400,000 individuals ([read](#)), [Radical Cheerleaders Say U.S. Out of Afghanistan! St. Petersburg, FL, Nov 13 2009 in front of Baywalk](#)
- "[Afghanistan] is not a war of choice, this is a war of necessity. Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again. If left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which al-Qaeda would plot to kill more Americans. So this is not only a war worth fighting. This is fundamental to the defense of our people." ([read](#)).
- Obama administration asks Supreme Court to block release of torture photos ([read](#)).
- Obama's Military Is Spying on US Peace Groups, by Amy Goodman ([read](#)).
- The Obama administration has declined requests from U.N. human rights investigators for information on secret prisons and for private interviews with inmates at the U.S. military detention center at Guantanamo Bay ([read](#)).
- Obama announced the nomination of Robert Hormats, a vice chairman of Goldman Sachs International, to a top economic position at the State Department ([read](#)).
- Senior Obama Official Backs Cheney and CIA, Says Concealment of Assassin Program Legal ([read](#)).
- Some Guantanamo Bay Detainees May Be Held Indefinitely (without prosecution) ([read](#)). Also, military tribunals at Gitmo resume ([read](#)).
- Obama Goes to Bat for Bush Wiretap Program ([read](#)).
- Obama Slides Further Down Bush's Hill on Indefinite Detention ([read](#)).
- About Face: Obama to Proceed with Bush-Era Cybersecurity Plan ([read](#)).
- Obama Administration Backs Bush White House on Cheney Interview ([read](#)).
- Obama administration seeks to quash suit by 9/11 families ([read](#)).
- In his May, 2009 speech in Cairo, Egypt, Obama denounced retaliation and force in discussing how Palestinians should respond to Israel. Given that Obama's government sells weapons to Israel, has escalated violence in Afghanistan and has increased the number of drone attacks in Pakistan, his request of Palestinians is void of any credibility. Obama also proudly proclaimed that US troops would be out of Iraq by 2012 (as if three more years is acceptable), and he again did not mention how many mercenaries would remain, and of course, he didn't discuss US military bases in Iraq.
- Obama OK's Mountaintop Removal. With the election of Barack Obama, environmentalists expected to see the end of the "Appalachian apocalypse" -- their name for exposing coal deposits by blowing the tops off of whole mountains. But in recent weeks, the Obama administration has quietly decided to open the way for at least two dozen more "mountaintop removal" projects. ([read](#)).
- Obama embraces Bush's immigration policy. In recent days, for example, the administration has announced it will expand a \$1.1 billion program begun under President George W. Bush to check the immigration status of virtually all people booked into local jails over the next four years. Obama will continue a "zero-tolerance" program that charges and jails any illegal immigrant caught crossing parts of the U.S.-Mexico border. And the administration will resume construction of a \$8 billion "virtual" fence of tower-mounted sensors and cameras along the border ([read](#)).
- Obama pledges to keep U.S. 'dominance': We will maintain Americas military dominance and keep you the finest fighting force the world has ever seen. ([read](#)).
- Obama administration sides with Bush, Cheney and Rove in the case of ousted CIA agent Valerie Plame ([read](#)).

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- Obama to Keep Israel's Nuclear Secrets ([read](#)).
- Obama Endorses Indefinite Detention Without Trial for Some. President Obama acknowledged publicly for the first time yesterday that some detainees at Guantanamo Bay may have to be held without trial indefinitely, siding with conservative national security advocates ([read](#)).
- Obama does U-turn on Guantanamo Bay terror trials - will restart military tribunals for a small number of Guantanamo detainees, reviving a Bush-era trial system he once assailed as flawed ([read](#)).
- Little Known Military Thug Squad Still Brutalizing Prisoners at Gitmo Under Obama ([read](#)).
- Afghan President Hamid Karzai called on the U.S. to halt air strikes in his country ([read](#)). Unfortunately, the Obama administration rejected Karzai's demand and said that U.S. airstrikes will continue ([read](#)).
- Obama renews U.S. sanctions on Syria ([read](#)).
- Photographs of prisoner abuse which Barack Obama is attempting to censor include images of apparent rape and sexual abuse ([read](#)).
- McCain backs Obama ([read](#)).
- Obama pledges to protect CIA torture operatives ([read](#)).
- President Obama is asking Congress for \$83.4 billion in funding for the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. The request marks a complete reversal for Obama from two years ago, when he voted against war funding as a senator under former President George W. Bush ([read](#)).
- Obama Administration Embraces Bush Position on Warrantless Wiretapping and Secrecy ([read](#)).
- Replace "Afghanistan" with "Iraq" and Obama sounds like Bush. Barack Obama made an impassioned plea to Americas allies to send more troops to Afghanistan, warning that failure to do so would leave Europe vulnerable to more terrorist atrocities ([read](#)).
- 3/17/09- Obama quietly gave Blackwater \$70 million in February, despite Iraq saying it doesn't want the company there ([read](#)).
- President Barack Obama declared today that the United States will maintain our military dominance. We will have the strongest armed forces in the history of the world. And we will do whatever it takes to sustain our technological advantage and to invest in the capabilities that we need to protect our interests and to defeat and deter any conventional enemy. ([read](#)).
- 3/13/09- Obama extends sanctions against Iran for one year, saying it continues to pose a threat to US national security ([read](#)).
- Even though Obama has repeatedly pledged to ban congressional earmarks, his Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel has 16 such projects, worth about \$8.5 million, in the bill the Senate is considering ([read](#)).
- Suspend Military Aid to Israel, Amnesty Urges Obama after Detailing US Weapons Used in Gaza ([read](#)).
- Obama backs Bush: No rights for Bagram prisoners ([read](#)).
- Obama Sides With Bush: Tries to Kill E-Mail Case ([read](#)).
- 2/20/09- Obama Expands Missile Strikes Inside Pakistan ([read](#)).
- Obama Lets CIA Keep Controversial Renditions Tool ([read](#)).
- Obama lawyers set to defend Yoo ([read](#)).
- Obama Energy Secretary Nominee: Coal, Nuclear an 'Important Part' of Power Mix ([read](#)).
- Obama picks Raytheon VP as deputy defense secretary ([read](#)).
- Obama attends neo-conservative dinner party with William Kristol, David Brooks, among others ([read](#)); but refuses to meet with Hamas or to criticize Israel for Gaza attacks ([read](#)).

"His task, will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period, when really a New World Order can be created. Its a great opportunity it isn't a crisis. He (Obama) has appointed an extraordinarily capable group (of advisers and staff) in both foreign and economic fields" ~ Henry Kissinger ([YouTube](#))

12/23/08 Obama Wants Bush Pentagon Appointees to Stay ([read](#)).

12/16/08- Cheney lauds Obama's choice of national security team ([read](#)).

12/18/08 - Obama choice of evangelical pastor to give invocation at his inauguration has gay rights groups angry ([read](#)).

Obama's Pro-Nuclear Pick for Energy Secretary Steven Chu has a keen interest in energy efficiency and solar power and other clean forms of renewable energy, Chu is a staunch advocate of nuclear power ([read](#)).

Obama's Dept. of Ag. choice Vilsac is pro-GMO.

Campaign Promises on Ending the War in Iraq Now Muted by Reality

"I said that I would remove our combat troops from Iraq in 16 months, with the understanding that it might be necessary - likely to be necessary - to maintain a residual force to provide potential training, logistical support, to protect our civilians in Iraq," Mr. Obama said this week as he introduced his national security team.

<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2008/12/05-0>

Barack Obama's kettle of hawks

The absence of a solid anti-war voice on Obama's national security team means that US foreign policy isn't going to change - "What does it say that, with 130 members of the House and 23 in the Senate who voted against the war, Obama chooses to hire Democrats who made the same judgment as Bush and McCain?" Neoconservative leader and former McCain campaign staffer Max Boot summed it up best. "I am gobsmacked by these appointments, most of which could just as easily have come from a President McCain," ([Jeremy Scahill, 12/1/08](#)).

11/28/08- Karl Rove praises Obama's economic team -

"Thanksgiving Cheer From Obama - He's assembled a first-rate economic team" ([read](#)).

- "Hawks For Hillary" The New Republic: Why Are Conservatives Praising Obama's Pick For Secretary Of State? Newt Gingrich, Iraq war architect Richard Perle <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/12/01/opinion/main4640157.shtml>
- Gov. Janet Napolitano of Arizona is reportedly set to be offered the position of Homeland Security secretary. She is a two-term governor, as well as a former US attorney and state attorney general for Arizona. She was the first governor to call for National Guard troops to secure the US-Mexico border ([read](#)).
- President-elect Obama is also expected to tap billionaire Penny Pritzker to serve as Commerce secretary. Pritzker is a longtime friend of Obama's and served as his national finance chair. Pritzker was involved in running and overseeing the Illinois-based Superior Bank, which collapsed in 2001. The bank has been described as being at the forefront of turning subprime loans into securities, the risky practice at the heart of the financial crisis ([read](#)).
- Obama sends Madeleine Albright to represent him at the G20 summit. Albright is the person who, when told that a half million Iraqi children had died due to sanctions, said "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price--we think the price is worth it." ([read](#)).
- Obama continued the fear-mongering that pushes this country into multiple wars when he told 60 Minutes: "I think it's important to get a national security team in place because transition periods are potentially times of vulnerability to a terrorist attack." ([read](#)).
- Obama reportedly to keep Robert Gates as Secretary of Defense ([read](#)).
- University of Chicago economist Austan Goolsbee will be U.S. President-elect Barack Obama's choice to lead the White House economic team ([read](#)).
- Obama wants embattled U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman to remain in the Senate Democratic caucus ([read](#)), and fellow democrats follow and allow Lieberman to keep a key chairmanship ([read](#)).
- Obama vowed to shut down Guantanamo - this is good news, and maybe something a John McCain presidency wouldn't have done. But what is Obama going to do with those held without charge at Guantanamo? And what about torture centers at Bagram and Diego Garcia? And will he shut down the School of the Americas torture training center in Ft. Benning, Georgia? And what about the torture American prisoners face in US jails?

Chomsky on Obama appointments

"Obama's choices to [run his economic team] were Robert Rubin and Larry Summers from the Clinton--Secretaries of Treasury under Clinton. They are among the people who are substantially responsible for the crisis. One leading economist, one of the few economists who has been right all along in predicting what's happening, Dean Baker, pointed out that selecting them is like selecting Osama Bin Laden to run the war on terror." ([read](#) or [listen](#) to the entire speech).

September 2008

- Obama supports \$700 billion bailout of toxic financial institutions. ([Sep '08](#))
- Barack Obama has now declared -- to Bill O'Reilly on Fox News, no less -- that Bush's "surge" in Iraq has "succeeded beyond our wildest dreams." He also proclaimed his "absolute" belief in the "War on Terror," and said "we have to go after them" (in Pakistan and Afghanistan). ([WATCH](#) or [READ](#) - Sep '08)

August 2008

- As riot police were assaulting and arresting innocent activists outside the Democratic convention, Joe Biden was inside saying "Barack will put more cops on the street" ([Aug '08](#))
- Georgia/Russia: Obama sides with Georgia - position similar to Bush and McCain. ([Aug '08](#))

July 2008 [Obama and McCain as kings...JibJab.com](#)

- Would keep a residual force (possibly 60,000-80,000) in Iraq after 2010 to train military personnel, provide security for U.S. interests and thwart terrorist threats. ([Jul '08](#))
- "A nuclear Iran would pose a grave threat and the world must prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon," "Iranians need to understand that whether it's the Bush administration or the Obama administration, this is a paramount concern to the United States," ([Jul '08](#))
- Wants 10,000 more troops for Afghanistan. ([Jul '08](#))
- Making sure Iran does not have the capability to build a nuclear weapon would be "a number one priority" in an Obama presidency.... Iran policy must "combine much tougher threats of economic sanctions with direct diplomacy." ([Jul '08](#))
- Supports legislation granting legal immunity to telecommunications companies that cooperated with the Bush administration's program of wiretapping without warrants. ([Jul '08](#))
- Wants to expand faith-based programs. ([Jul '08](#))

[June 2008](#)

- Voted in favor of \$162 billion more for Iraq & Afghanistan wars. ([Jun '08](#))
- At his first stop after winning the primaries, Obama wore a U.S./Israeli flag lapel pin at AIPAC. ([Jun '08](#))
- Neoconservative leader William Kristol said: "Obama's not for pulling troops back from our forward positions around the world, with the exception of Iraq. Obama and McCain don't actually differ, at least on paper, even on Iran" ([Jun '08](#))
- Reverses his pledge and opts out of public financing. ([Jun '08](#))
- "But as president of the United States, I would be willing to lead tough and principled diplomacy with the appropriate Iranian leader at a time and place of my choosing if and only if it can advance the interests of the United States." ([Jun '08](#))
- "I have said repeatedly that I think that the death penalty should be applied in very narrow circumstances for the most egregious of crimes," ([Jun '08](#))

May 2008

- Supports a military 'surge' in Afghanistan. ([May '08](#))
- "I will maintain the embargo (on Cuba). It provides us with ... leverage..." "Never, in my lifetime, have the people of Cuba known freedom. Never, in the lives of two generations of Cubans, have the people of Cuba known democracy." ([May '08; also, read Fidel Castro's response](#))

Obama Exposed: [Facts about Obama](#) from the African People's Solidarity Committee

April 2008

- "I think that when you look back at George H.W. Bush's foreign policy, it was a wise foreign policy. In how we executed the Gulf War, how we managed the transition out of the Cold War, I think it's an example of how we can get bipartisan agreement." ([Apr '08](#))
- Would "take no options off the table when it comes to preventing [Iran] from using nuclear weapons or obtaining nuclear weapons, and that would include any threats directed at Israel or any of our allies in the region." ([Apr '08](#))

March 2008

- "The truth is that my foreign policy is actually a return to the traditional bipartisan realistic policy of George Bush's father, of John F. Kennedy, of, in some ways, Ronald Reagan." ([Mar '08](#)) Obama - Peace Candidate?
- Said the 2008 violence in Gaza was the result of Hamas' decision to launch rocket attacks on Israeli civilians ([Mar '08](#))
- Said the US should not meet with (the democratically elected) Hamas leadership ([Mar '08](#))

February 2008

- Would not rule out using mercenaries (private military companies) like Blackwater in Iraq. ([Feb '08](#))

January 2008

- Said that US troops should be "relieved of the burden of policing someone else's civil war," and that Iraqis need "to take responsibility for their own future." ([Jan '08](#))

2007

- He skipped the vote on Attorney General Michael Mukasey. ([Nov '07](#))
- "It is important to have tough sanctions on Iran, particularly on the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, which supports terrorism," ([Oct '07](#))
- Voted to expand NAFTA to Peru. ([Oct '07](#))
- Would not pledge to have all troops out of Iraq by the end of his first-term. ([Sep '07](#))
- Was "a strong supporter of the war in Afghanistan". ([Aug '07](#))
- "I strongly support the expansion of our ground forces by adding 65,000 soldiers to the Army and 27,000 Marines." ([Apr '07](#))
- "We lead the world in battling immediate evils and promoting the ultimate good," said Obama. "We must lead by building a 21st-century military... to advance the security of all people." ([Apr '07](#))
- "No President should ever hesitate to use force unilaterally if necessary to protect ourselves and our vital interests when we are attacked or imminently threatened." ([Apr '07](#))
- Said the United States must be willing to strike al Qaeda targets inside Pakistan. ([Apr '07](#))
- "[W]e must preserve our total commitment to our unique defense relationship with Israel by fully funding military assistance and ... related missile defense programs, he said. This would help Israel maintain its military edge and deter and repel attacks from as far as Tehran and as close as Gaza." ([Mar '07](#))

2006

- Voted for Robert Gates (of the Iran-Contra scandal) to be Defense Secretary. ([Dec '06](#))
- "[L]aunching some missile strikes into Iran is not the optimal position for us to be in given the ongoing war in Iraq. On the other hand, having a radical Muslim theocracy in possession of nuclear weapons is worse. So I guess my instinct would be to err on not having those weapons in the possession of the ruling clerics of Iran." ([Oct '06](#))
- Voted for building a fence along the U.S./Mexican border. ([Sep '06](#))
- Said the government must crack down on employers who hire 'illegal immigrants'. ([Sep '06](#))
- Supported Israel's war against Lebanon. ([Aug '06](#))
- Voted for Patriot Act II. ([Mar '06](#))

2005

- Voted for Bush's 2005 energy bill which sent billions of dollars in subsidies to oil companies. ([Jun '05](#))
- Barack Obama Fact Sheet - Is Obama a Peace Candidate?
- Voted to allow credit card companies to raise interest rates to over 30%. ([Mar '05](#))

2004

- "Military strikes on Pakistan should not be ruled out if violent Islamic extremists were to take over" ([Sep '04](#))
- "[T]he big question is going to be, if Iran is resistant to these pressures [to stop its nuclear program], including economic sanctions, which I hope will be imposed if they do not cooperate, at what point . . . if any, are we going to take military action?" ([Sep '04](#))
- "There's not much of a difference between my position and George Bush's position" on Iraq. ([Jul '04](#))
- Said it was time "to end the embargo with Cuba" because it had "utterly failed in the effort to overthrow Castro." ([Jan '04](#))

2003

- Two weeks after the Iraq war started he said, we "absolutely want to make sure that the troops have sufficient support to be able to win." ([Mar '03](#))

2002

- "I am not opposed to all wars, I'm opposed to dumb wars." ([Oct '02](#))

"Voting is easy and marginally useful, but it is a poor substitute for democracy,

which requires direct action by concerned citizens" - Howard Zinn, [Feb. 2008](#)

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