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for Peace & Justice

“Get Out of the Mindset that Led Us into Iraq”

Source: “Changing Obama’s Mindset” by Howard Zinn, *The Progressive*, May, 2009



In the course of his campaign, Obama said something that struck me as very wise...

Obama was talking about the war in Iraq, and he said,

“It’s not enough to get out of Iraq; we have to get out of the mindset that led us into Iraq.”

What is the mindset that got us into Iraq?

It’s the mindset that says force will do the trick. Violence, war, bombers – that they will bring democracy and liberty to the people.

It’s the mindset that says America has some God-given right to invade other countries for their own benefit.

Obama has not gotten out of this militaristic missionary mindset. He talks about sending tens of thousands more troops to Afghanistan.

Obama has to be urged by the people who elected him, by the people who are enthusiastic about him, to renounce that mindset. We’re the ones who have to tell him, “No, you’re on the wrong course with this militaristic idea of using force to accomplish things in the world.”

What’s required is a total turnaround. We want a country that uses its resources, its wealth, and its power to help people, not to hurt them.



Join 341st Peace Vigil to end the war!

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