

A Perpetual War?



October 7, 2010 marked the Ninth Anniversary of the disastrous invasion and occupation of Afghanistan.

No foreign intruder has ever prevailed in Afghanistan, the **Graveyard of Empires**.

The Russians fought a decade war there (1979-89), and were defeated and demoralized, thus accelerating the disintegration of the former Soviet Union in 1991.

We are now on track to **repeat the same mistakes** committed by previous invaders.

The legendary musician, actor and activist Harry Belafonte gave a soaring speech to 175,000 people attending the Oct. 2nd “One Nation Working Together” rally in Washington:

“The Central Intelligence Agency, in its official report, tells us that the enemy we pursue in Afghanistan and in Pakistan, the al-Qaeda, they number less than fifty—I say fifty—people. **Do we really think that sending 100,000 young American men and women to kill innocent civilians, woman and children, and antagonizing the tens of millions of people in the whole region somehow makes us secure? Does this make any sense?**”

The President’s decision to **escalate the war in that region alone costs the nation \$33 billion**. **That sum of money could not only create 600,000 jobs here in America**, but would even leave us a few billion to start rebuilding our schools, our roads, our hospitals and affordable housing. It could also help to rebuild the lives of the thousands of our returning wounded veterans.”

President Obama was cornered by his generals to escalate the war. Yet Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. Commander in Afghanistan admitted, **“I don’t think you win this war... This is the kind of fight we’re in for the rest of our lives and probably our kids’ lives.”** (From “Obama’s Wars” by Bob Woodward) In other words, **a perpetual war!**

Not one more American should die for the war! Bring our troops and war \$\$\$ home NOW!



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