

Bring War Money Home!

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During the Vietnam War, **Martin Luther King, Jr.** called our government **"the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today."** True then—and even more so today.

WikiLeaks has revealed the documented horror of U.S. war-making, beyond what any of us imagined. We now know that **our government is pursuing policies that place you and your family in considerably greater danger.**

Because of WikiLeaks, we know the U.S. government has secretly launched war on yet another Muslim country (Yemen), sanctioned torture, kidnapped innocent people from the streets of free countries and intimidated the police into hushing it up, and previously unreported killing of 15,000 Iraqi civilians -- five times the number killed on 9/11. Each one of these acts has increased the number of jihadists.

The cables exposed by WikiLeaks reveal how this grief and murderous rage caused by our actions is being spread across the Muslim world, while we lie about it. Here's just one example. U.S. troops blew up an Afghan village called Azizabad, and killed 95 people, 50 of them children. None were al Qaeda, or even Taliban. Our military leaders knew what they'd done -- yet in public they kept insisting they'd killed "militants", and even accused the local Afghan villagers of "fabricating such evidence as grave sites."

The counter-insurgency expert David Kilcullen, who until recently was a senior adviser to General Petraeus in Iraq, estimates that **for every one jihadist killed in these bombings, they kill fifty innocent people. How would we react if this was happening in the U.S.?**

The senseless wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have not only cost lives and made us less safe, but also drained our national treasury of \$1.1 trillion. **And the wars are still going on, costing us \$3 billion per week, or \$300,000 per minute.**

How long are we going to let this go on?



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