

A Time of Danger, A Time of Opportunity

Muslims face their biggest challenge since end of WWII

Some are calling it a clash of civilizations – it isn't

What are its root causes? Are there opportunities?

What are its root causes? 9/11 provided a rationale

After WWII 6% population, 50 % world's wealth

End of Cold War – fall of Berlin Wall

Military-industrial-congressional complex – sustain high spending

Lawrence Korb, Asst Sec Defense, Regan Admin: “could safely be cut in half”

US spending more than rest of world combined

Defense budget now is \$409B – not counting the cost of the Iraq war (\$200B so far)

Global corporations – resources and markets

Oil / gas in M.E. and Caspian region

Gold mine in Indonesia

Oil in southern Sudan

Zionists and Christian Evangelicals

Israel remain the regional power

Islam is seen as challenge

Christian Zionists – Armageddon

Iran's nuclear power plant

Block move to Euro for oil payments

Peak oil

U.S. oil production peaked in 1970

Non-OPEC production peaked this year

OPEC expected to peak in 5 to 25 years

***One party: president, congress, Supreme court —
corporation controlled, unmatched military***

***Islam's mandate for social justice a threat to unrestrained
capitalism***

Much of the world realizes we're fighting the same war

TIME Poll (March 10, 2003)

**“Which country really poses the greatest danger to world
peace in 2003?” — 673,027 responses**

Results: North Korea 5.6 pc; Iraq 6.5 pc; US 87.9 pc

EUobserver (Oct 30, 2003)

**Over half of Europeans think that Israel now presents the
biggest threat to world peace**

BBC World (April 9, 2004)

**Asked 1,500 viewers of its news and international
channel for the biggest problems in the world**

52 pc said the U.S. and globalization.

The Independent (October 18, 2004)

**New survey of African attitudes — biggest-ever of its kind
— 54 pc saw the U.S. as a threat**

***China-Russia: Declaration on World Order in the 21st
Century (July 1, 2005)***

Many average Americans could be allies if better informed — they are also suffering

Sons and daughters of Americans are dying to make the rich richer

The war in Iraq has not made us more secure

U.S. defense spending replacing social programs

Administration policy has taken a toll on our economy

Democracy at risk — Justice Louis Brandeis

“We can have a democratic society or we can have the concentration of great wealth in the hands of the few. We cannot have both.” (1941)

Most Americans may want greater social justice — Islam’s values should be welcomed by them

Educate ourselves, communicate with Americans

U.S. history teaches us grass-roots effort needed

Will Durant's Story of Civilization (vol. IV, p. 237) — "When Baghdad was destroyed by the Mongols it had thirty-six public libraries. . . . A physician refused the invitation of the Sultan of Bokhara to come and live at his court, on the ground that he would need 400 camels to transport his library. Al-Waqidi, dying, left 600 boxes of books, each box so heavy that two men were needed to carry it. Princes like Sahab ibn Abbas in the 10th century might own as many books as could be found in all the libraries of Europe combined."