

One last thing: How do they get away with it?
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You've got to hand it to the leftists, you really do. I don't think any one of them has been nailed down to a moral stand since the birth of the new left. You would think that over a century spent with one leg on each side of every fence would yield nothing but a sore crotch, but apparently it has produced what passes nowadays for a coherent political philosophy.

Somehow, leftists can preach in lofty tones about the true equality of men and women, of blacks and whites and purples and greens, and then turn around and claim that to compete with white males, everyone else needs preferences and quotas. Think about one of the absurd arguments used to get Brandeis to support the bigoted University of Michigan affirmative action program. SAT tests, say liberals, are skewed toward white males because they're "written in English" and involve stories about "people" who "do things." Blacks, says the left, cannot possibly be expected to compete equally on an exam written using proper English syntax. This is absurd. Leftists correctly point out that intelligence has nothing to do with skin color and then turn right around and scream the opposite. How do they get away with it?

Somehow, leftists can lecture on the plight of the poor and then jet off to Seattle, smear on some body paint, and toss bricks around in opposition to the globalization efforts that are the only chance for millions of poor people around the world to climb out of Third World misery. How do they get away with it?

Somehow, leftists can cry rivers over the "innocents" crushed under the boots of "American imperialism" in war but not show an iota of care for the countless lives taken by ruthless dictators around the world. Please, please, if you happen to be a leftist, try to follow the magical logic train: Most of those in the U.S. opposed to war in Iraq (and despite what college students seem to think, this is the minority in America) wanted to receive the UN's sanction for an attack. What is the UN? A combination of a few enlightened states, a few stubborn first world socialist nations, and countless other regimes, many of whom show no respect for their own people. The UN Security Council, disarmament committee, and human rights commission have been or soon will be chaired by Syria, Iraq, and Libya, respectively – states that murder their own people, states that actively sponsor terrorism against the West, states that defy any shred of decency or proper government. These are the states we were supposed to seek sanction from? These are the states that anti-war activists think should dictate to us how to protect our people?

In what universe is a war sanctioned by the freest country on earth and waged against a ruthless tyrant who kills his own people by the thousands and threatens the free nations of the world, wrong? In what universe is this same war, when rubber-stamped by a gang of Third World hooligans and France, perfectly moral? How stupid is it to continue asking the permission of terrorists when we want to fight terrorism?

This alone should be evidence enough that the anti-war left in America has no moral standards. If the Iraqi civilians dying now in Baghdad were being killed by UN coalition forces with their bright baby blue helmets and Libya's seal of approval, that would be alright. The fact that the soldiers are US GIs, the fact that they are marching on Baghdad to defend American values and not those of a bureaucratic amalgam of murderers and their appeasers, is what seems to set off the protesters. How do they get away with it?

So, here's my message to the poor, sore-crotched, fence-dwelling leftists of the USA: You can't have your cake and eat it too. Either an idea is right because it is right or an idea is right because more people agree with it. If the latter is true, then socialism, ruthless dictatorship and Britney Spears should soon have the world in their grasp. If the former is true, then the US seems to offer the most moral clarity and strength of action against the menace of terrorism. If you still want to protest the war, go ahead, but give some serious thought as to why your biggest cheerleaders will be nations like Libya, Iran and Syria.

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