

# WAR AS RAPE

A commentary on International Women's Day 2007

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War is the ultimate machismo, an act of national rape, clearly illustrated by the invasion of Iraq.

One Alpha male (the USA) believes that he is 'good' and that his destiny is total control. Once were two Alpha Males, but the USSR died.

Alpha USA has lackeys: Beta males (like the UK), Delta (Israel), some rating around Pi (Australia), and some definitely Omega (Poland), so desperate for Alpha's favour that they do/say anything to retain it.

Most females (nations of Central/South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East) are subservient to Alpha USA and are abused directly or by proxy.

One female (Iraq) refused subservience. Once Alpha USA's friend, she was seen to become arrogant, insulting the USA on several occasions (defying George HW Bush, refusing inspection of her weapons); plus she has oil, which Alpha USA desires. For insubordination and selfishness, she must be taught a lesson, put in her place, the thinking goes.

The Alpha male starts telling lies, saying she has weapons she shouldn't have, and plans more. For anyone but Alpha USA and acolytes to have weapons is bad, although properly subservient women (like Japan) may have them for self-defence;

Alpha USA tells the world that the female is inherently evil, opposes everything we (the Goodies) stand for, and is a breeding ground for people enemies. Alpha creates a grand phrase to justify the rape of Iraq: War on Terror.

Lesser life-forms (politicians, editors, journalists, talk-back hosts), who serve the Alpha male, start parroting the fabrications, saying the female deserves what she gets.

Alpha USA decides to strike first. This tactic, which some call a sneak attack, is known as 'pre-emption', and Alpha raises it to religious dogma, declaring pre-emption his 'right and duty' whenever he deems fit. (60 years ago, when the Alpha male was pre-empted, he screamed foulŠbut that was different).

Alpha USA gathers lackeys, whom he calls The Coalition of the Willing (aka the Gang). Alpha slanders others who will not join the Gang, calling them weak, watery, unreliable, flaky, surrender monkeys, traitors to Western Civilization. Ironically the Delta male (Israel) does not join, but is immune from criticism.

The female remains defiant, so the Gang penetrates Iraq, determined to take her, body and soul. The Alpha male and all who follow Him say that this is necessary so that Iraq may be free to give birth to a healthy baby called Democracy.

Alpha USA announces mission accomplished - whereupon the Gang are free to exploit the woman to their hearts' content. But still the female keeps squirming and kicking, so she must be occupied until tamed. The Gang disperses to pacify nether regions.

Four years later, the female is still resisting, maybe getting stronger. The Alpha male, constantly exhorting the Gang to stand firm, speaks of a final surge to ensure that the seed of Democracy is firmly implanted.

However, some Gang-sters are through holding her down and getting badly scratched. Led by the Beta UK, they leave the scene. Pi males like Australia and others excoriate the Beta male for withdrawing, definitely not something real men do.

With one rape under his belt - though still not completed to satisfaction - the Alpha male contemplates another, messier one, against a nearby female called Iran, more defiant and richer in oil.

Familiar lies are hauled out: preparing to acquire weapons, psychotic, dangerous and opposed to everything the Gang believes in. She deserves to be taken down; she's asking for it. The Gang is engorging for another encounter, which even Delta Israel may join.

Why does war evoke such sexual language? Two reasons:

- war appeals to the vanity of young men, who see themselves as virile and bullet-proof; and
- war appeals to the vanity of old men who recall when they were virile and bullet-proof (especially if they weren't).

As vain men sigh, and die, women disproportionately bear war's burdens: rape, and the deaths of husbands, sons and lovers.

In an unequal world, war tilts the scales further away from the equal rights of women.

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