

Re: Why Americans don't know what the rest of the world knows

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>> "liaM" <cuddly@mindless.com> wrote in message

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>>>fresh~horses wrote:

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>>>>"C Kent" <CKent@nospam.net> wrote in message

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>>>>>"liaM" <lhooq@email.com> wrote in message

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>>>>>>How is terrorism fought ? by reacting to their threat in a climate of

>>>>>>fear with war in distant lands and defensive barriers and partial

>>>>>>abrogations of civil rights at home.

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>>>>>>It shoud be fought by simultaneously 1) KILLING any and all existing

>>>>>>terrorist, and 2) draining the swamps (i.e. conditions) that breed

>>>>>>terrorists (so there aren't so many you have to KILL in the future) by

>>>>>>promoting democratic governments educational reforms and free markets

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>>>>>>I think it would be better "fought" by not invading other countries

>>>>>>for spurious and imperialistic reasons

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>>>>>>9/11 is not a spurious or imperialistic reason

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>>>>>>It isn't so much when talking about Afghanistan where the Taliban was

>>>>>>sheltering Bin Laden and his people. It surely is when talking about

>>>>>>Iraq with no WMD's, no ties to 9/11, no nukes.

Sadam's time had come WMD or no WMD ---- removing him removed a major block
to social progress in the region and the greatest value was in the
elimination of Uday and QuSAy. By working to establish a free society in
Iraq the entire dynamics of the region is changing for the better and will

apply tremendous pressure on the other bad actors in the region [Iran & Syria for example] to clean up their act.

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- > *That business about promoting free market conditions simply won't work*
- > *everywhere*

Gotta start somewhere. Jefferson always said the US should be a beacon and catalyst for liberty and revolutions throughout the world. It's about time we got back to Jefferson IMHO.

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- > *It's a very difficult question, this business about minimizing the*
- > *breeding grounds for terrorists.*

When presented with viable alternative the breeding grounds can be eliminated as was done in Germany after WWII and the elimination of the "Wolf Packs"

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- > > *Actually, by definition, if the terrorist's are killed and exterminated*
- then
- > > *they can't bother U.S. --- which is the whole point.*
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- > *It's essentially impossible to kill all the terrorists*

We can try. We can certainly kill a lot of them and where countries are supporting terrorists we can destroy them too. The whole calculus has to change.

- > *who or where they are. It behooves us to have friends*

It's always nice to have friends but friends or no friends we have to take measures to protect ourselves and where someone is working to hurt our citizens we cannot hesitate to pre-empt them with SEVERE prejudice.