

# AN ANTI-WAR RESPONSE TO THE LONDON ATROCITIES

TO COUNTER TERROR, BUILD JUSTICE

In the face of global terrorism, we believe that our community, our nation, and our world, must choose the path of peace, human rights, and justice. We believe that what is presented to us as “the war on terrorism” is a campaign of violence and repression that actually generates more anti-Western terrorism...

In the event of a major attack against our country, **we commit ourselves to supporting victims and their relatives, defending the rights of those threatened by a vengeful backlash** – particularly Muslims and Arab people in our communities, and **nonviolently resisting any military response by our government.**

It is vitally important that we urge the mass media to tell the truth about terrorism and to stop misrepresenting the crisis that we are in. Former CIA officials and U.S. government bodies have said explicitly that **al-Qaeda-type terrorists do not hate Western freedom, they hate western policies.**

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**Renowned British Ex-MP Tony Benn** spoke on Democracy Now the morning of the London blasts, declaring that he felt the same sympathy for the victims of this attack as he felt for the attacks on the WTC or on Fallujah, the bombing of Madrid or of Baghdad. He said that **what we have to do now instead of taking revenge is figure out how to stop the violence, how to stop the war, with its horrible toll in civilian deaths on both sides.**

The cycle of violence does what it does: it goes on until someone takes action to stop it. More Iraqi civilians will die, and more American and European civilians will die, not to mention the **(continued on back)**

soldiers on both sides, until by some agency power is taken away from the criminals who exploit each past crime to plot their next, and the war comes to an end.

**Michael Scheuer, who until 1999 was the head of the CIA Counter-Terrorism Center's bin Laden task force,** points out that al-Qaeda's stated goals are clear and focused. They want to force changes in U.S. policy. They want the end of U.S. aid to Israel; a removal of U.S. and Western forces from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Muslim lands; the end of U.S. support for the oppression of Muslims by Russia, China, and India; the end of U.S. protection for repressive regimes in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Jordan, et cetera; and the conservation of the Muslim world's energy resources and their sale at higher prices.

*Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.*

—Harry S Truman, *August 8, 1950*

**THE ONLY WAY TO STOP GLOBAL TERROR IS TO CORRECT THE MISTAKES AND INJUSTICES FROM WHICH IT GROWS**

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