

Causes of war, protesters' sincerity, abortion debated

'Operation Baby Kill' an illogical analogy to the war

In response to Jerry Kreps' letter (DN, Jan. 21), it doesn't surprise me that an anti-choice advocate would use such a violent phrase as "Operation Baby Kill" to describe a woman's right to choose. "Operation Baby Kill" is a strongly irrational and distorted analogy to Operation Desert Storm. Kreps' analogy serves to illustrate the anti-choice camp's desperate attempts to justify their views. Kreps' illogical reasoning and vague support against choice is clear when he expresses his views through such an analogy.

It seems more justifiable to ask: Why does President Bush proclaim Sunday as National Human Life Sanctity Day when we are bombarding an inhabited country? This question exhibits the same kind of paradoxical mishmash that most people accept. We argue that reproductive choice for women is an issue of its own, not an issue to be compared with the gulf war. Kreps' letter is a fine example of the kind of opinionated, illogical, emotional babble that can only serve to confuse people about the simple question whether the government should control any individual's personal choices.

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Fighting necessary because U.N., U.S. rights in jeopardy

As the war strike began, so did the protesting. I agree everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but how do their morals come about?

Our men and women from this country are not only fighting for oil. There are many other factors involved. In my opinion, Saddam's aggression against the people in the Middle East is the biggest and most important. These military persons committed themselves to fighting for the freedom and rights of the United States and the United Nations when they signed with their particular choice of the armed forces.



When Saddam entered Kuwait and killed innocent people of that country, he put the freedom and rights of the United Nations in jeopardy.

People across the United States should realize how great a country we do live in. President Bush is doing what needs to be done. Just as we had to stop Hitler years ago, we, as a unified and supportive country, also must stop Saddam.

I had hoped, like many others, that this crisis could have been stopped peacefully. Saddam left us no choice but to attack. Negotiations were going nowhere. If we had given in, there is no telling what Saddam would be terrorizing now. I have family in Saudi Arabia and pray everyone comes home. However, I fully support the war and each and every effort made by those individuals who have volunteered their services to fight for all of our freedoms.

People need to think of our past (Hitler, Mussolini) and think of what Saddam could be doing if we hadn't

attacked. Do you support letting Saddam terrorize innocent people?

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War rhetoric must be examined by U.S. people

Our government has seen fit to wage war against another sovereign nation. President Bush and Congress have decided to take the lives and existences of thousands of people, and destroy them — blow them to pieces. Why? Why has our government taken it upon itself to start this vile and illegitimate war?

We the people of the United States have been told that the war is for Kuwait's freedom, for oil, for our way of life, to help end our current economic recession and to show Hussein we're the boss. What is the truth?

The truth is that this war is just one more effort by our government to spread its imperialist claws out to the Middle East. It cares little about Kuwait's freedom and self-determination. It has been our government's consistent policy to oppose self-determination worldwide as proven by our invasion of Vietnam, subversion of Chile, support of the white minority government in South Africa, invasion of Panama and Grenada and denial of the legitimate struggle of the Palestinians to reclaim their stolen homeland, only to mention a few.

It may well be true that oil is partially the cause of the war, but it is a foolish cause. We already know that we must cut down our oil consumption if our Earth is to survive as a livable planet, so let us spend all the military money and energy on safe energy alternatives instead of killing thousands of innocent people, including U.S. troops.

Our economy does need help, but a war is hardly the thing. Quick fixes have got us where we are today. Instead of spending energy on war, our government needs to do some heavy thinking to get us out of this recession. As for showing Hussein who's boss — what exactly are we showing him? That our missile is bigger than

his? He had historical reasons for annexing Kuwait, and while these don't excuse his violent actions, they certainly don't excuse ours. Peace talks and compromise would seem to be better lessons to teach than retaliation and violence.

So, a war is being fought in the Middle East — caused by our heartless imperialism. Our government wants a permanent military base there to keep an eye on our oil interest and return to the United States the throne of world king and lawmaker. Bush is seeking a "New World Order," a term he has used over and over again since gaining office. But the United States will never reclaim moral, intellectual or economic leadership in today's world. The United States lost those roles long ago. All it can do is reassert itself as the "biggest bully on the world bloc."

Re-examine your thinking if you support this war. Our brains have been clouded with cold-war rhetoric and Americana dogma. Stop U.S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

imperialism and bring the troops home alive now!

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Anti-war activists should back U.S. or move to Iraq

First of all, I would like to say thank you to Vicky Anderson for sharing her mother's letter with DN readers (Jan. 18). Vicki, I pray for your mother and all others involved in the gulf.

Unfortunately, I can't just end on that note. I am very aggravated with what I am seeing on this campus. As a young American college student, I can't believe some of the unappreciative people who walk the campus sidewalks with signs in their hands proclaiming that what the U.S. soldiers are doing is useless. People like that infuriate me. I have a friend over in the gulf whose letters show me that he knows why he is there and that he is proud to serve his country. The people with signs in their hands are insulting my friend, Anderson's mother and thousands more.

If "these people" are against the

war that is their right, but if their protest insults thousands of good Americans, there needs to be more consideration taken. Supporting a positive cause has always brought people together, but these people holding protest signs are negative. If there were different signs that said "we support you," America would become the strongest country in the world. However, its strength wouldn't be militarily; it would be in the hearts and minds of the people. A country with confident people will always survive and isn't survival a key element to a country?

To achieve the element I have mentioned above, we must support our soldiers and, in order to do this, we must also support our country. In other words, what I am saying is that sign holders are being anti-American. If this is the case, maybe try out another country where there aren't soldiers trying so hard to protect you. I really don't see you people improving our country by holding signs, so just leave.

In fact, maybe you should move to Iraq where there is no freedom of speech and you would be killed for insulting your people and your country. It seems strange to me that you people don't feel guilty for holding a sign that condemns people who are willing to die for you. If you don't feel any guilt, at least have the cour-

tesy not to condemn those that I and many others so highly respect.

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Revival of '60s seen in attitude toward gulf war

Is some of the protest against the war in the gulf a fad? Before the start of this conflict in early August, a trend was starting to show. This trend, although not as psychedelic as the 1960s, is reoccurring in clothing styles, attitudes (as seen in letters about vegetarianism on Earth Day) and even hairstyles that have been getting slightly longer. Most recently, this '60s attitude has been seen toward the war with Iraq. I can understand why this more liberal '60s trend has reoccurred after the conservative, self-serving '80s.

I pray for peace and hope our troops will be home soon. I am not against peaceful protest, because I feel it is one of our great American rights. I just hope that all of those who protest are informed and are not following a reoccurring '60s trend or that older generations are not trying to relive their past in this conflict.

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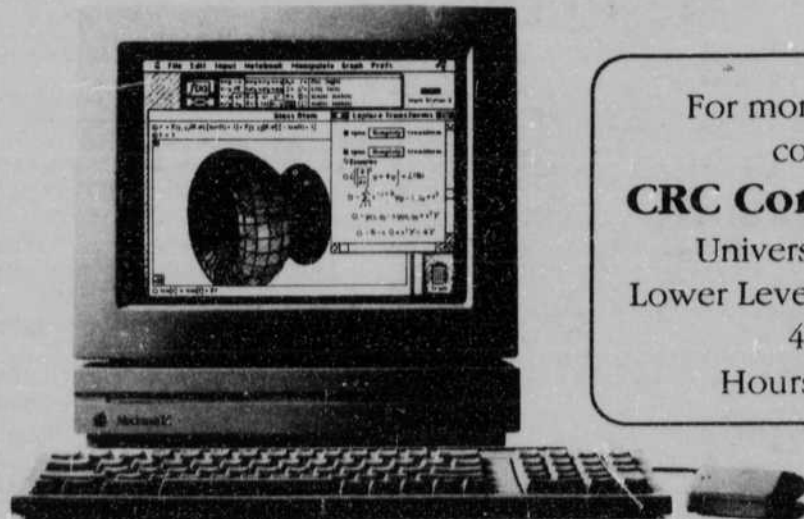
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