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War will further unite us

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No one likes the idea of war, however, in certain situations it just may be necessary; and I believe America has just found itself to be in one of those situations.

This is simply my opinion, I cannot pretend to know all the facts concerning this tragedy. I can only give you my ideas based upon the information I know. The United States has been directly and purposefully attacked. Over 5,000 innocent people have been murdered whether it be for reasons of religion, or the freedoms and liberties possessed by the United States. Neither of these serve to be sufficient enough to justify one life lost, let alone 5,000. The terrorists that shamefully and barbarically killed those thousands of Americans must be given a consequence. Punishment is due. We cannot allow opposing forces to threaten and intimidate the American people.

The United States needs to be the one to serve justice for these senseless killings. We cannot al-

low these murderers to walk away from this unpunished. Something must be done.

This was not only an attack on American civilians, but an attack on the "American Way of Life."

Both of these crimes are punishable by war. Waging war on those responsible will serve as a consequence for those who have wronged the United States. It may possibly provide some sort of compensation and closure to all affected. Maybe not so much compensation, for there is nothing to make up for this horrific act. War will also serve as a warning to the rest of the world. America cannot and will not be broken. Going to war will strengthen the bonds of our nation.

In the past few weeks I have seen our country come together in pride and sorrow. Perhaps some good has come of this event in the sense that it has brought everyone in the United States closer. War will further unite us and demonstrate to everyone the faith that we, as Americans, have in our country and the pride we possess in everything that we stand for.

Terrorists want us to go to war

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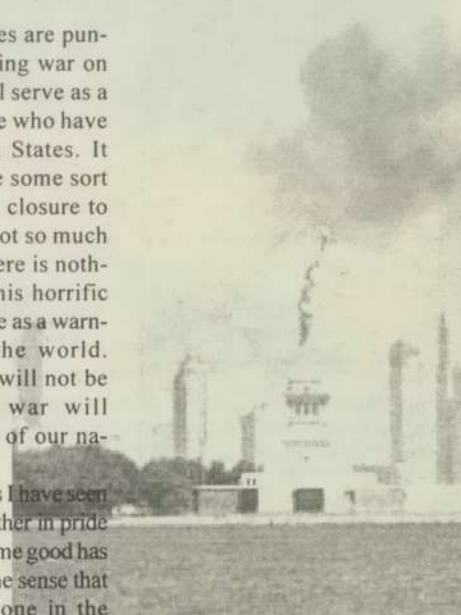
President George W. Bush is in a very sticky situation. He's painted himself into a corner by using words like "revenge," "hunt down" and most distressing, "war."

President George W. Bush is smarter than most people give him credit for, but this thing is building into something bigger than him, bigger than the Presidency, and beyond what the United States is capable of. The people he's preparing to have slaughtered "en masse" are fanatical beyond all reason. Not a single one of them has any problem with walking into a major U.S. city with a nuclear warhead strapped to his back. You may think that it's impossible, but up until a month ago, it was impossible to crash planes into the World Trade Center and bring them to the ground. Nothing is impossible to people who believe in their cause.

The United States can't fight what it can't see. President George W. Bush, Vice-President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Congress, and the armed forces know this, but they also know that a war will boost plummeting

opinion polls. Only one solution therefore, presents itself: Extensive bombing to flush out the enemy, followed by ground troops with orders to neutralize any signs of resistance. By neutralize, I mean kill. They will kill anyone who disagrees with their presence. After having bombs dropped on them by a country on the other side of the world, I think they're going to be a little disgruntled, to say the least. Could it get worse? Of course it could. The armed forces are going into a country that is already resentful and angry about the U.S. foreign policy and the affect the United States has on it's culture. Do you see where I'm going here? The people of Afghanistan are proud, and not likely to welcome troops with open arms.

A war is not what the U.S. wants, not what Afghanistan wants, and definitely not what the innocent people trying to in Afghanistan want. Who wants a war? The people who brought the World Trade Center and the innocence of every American crashing down. What kind of memorial would it be for the thousands of innocent people killed in the attacks if we were to go to war where thousands more innocents die?



Speaking Out!

DO YOU THINK THE U.S. SHOULD GO TO WAR?



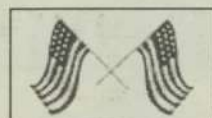
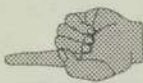
Charlie Riddle

"I think we should do what we have to do in order to end it. If that includes war, then so be it."



Jesse Toley

"It depends on what kind of war that would be."



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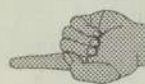
Elena Wariner

"I don't think so because too many innocent people would die. It would be more an act of revenge than really finding out who is responsible for it."



Kristal Pugh

"I think we should. It would be sad if we killed innocent people, but that's what they did too."



God Bless America!

