

ease. But now more troubling questions: Does support for the troops require support for a swelling military budget that deprives the country— including the families of these troops — of health care, education, transportation and safety? Does support require that we give up the freedom to protest the rationale and conduct of this war, a freedom that they are risking their lives presumably to preserve?

You, Nancy Pelosi, have said, “Despite our differences on policy, when we go into battle it will be one team, one fight.” Does that mean if President Bush, flush say with “victory” in Iraq decides that Iran is next, once he sends the troops in we will again be “one team.” Isn’t that like giving him license for any next war he’s up for?

I can’t stress enough how important it is to get answers to these questions. If you cannot give them to me, I will have to look to leaders who can.

*Hannah Wilson
Eugene*

ON VICTORY

Now we have the heralding of victory in the air. The real question, of course, is not could the U.S., the strongest military might in the world, win a military victory over a country whose might is decades old. The real question is what is victory?

I didn’t oppose this war because I thought we couldn’t win militarily; I opposed it because I don’t believe in the victory of war; I believe in the victory of food, clothing, health and security. Have we, in spite of our “Liberation of Iraq,” succeeded in any of the above? I think not. Will

we ever, and if so, how? All of these issues must be faced before we can begin the process of “bringing democracy to Iraq.” I know there are organizations working to bring food, clothing and health to Iraqis and hopefully they will succeed in delivering relief soon.

But what of security? The region is more unstable than it was before, the Muslim fundamentalists have much more to fan their flames with and the U.S. has brought more derision to the world, even amongst its “friends.”

Over and over again we see the tearing down of a statue of Hussein in Baghdad’s center. How many Iraqis were really there rejoicing? Clearly, most of the Iraqi population is still watching and waiting to see “what now.” What will victory really look like?

*Susan Onaclea
Leaburg*

EXPECTATIONS AND BIAS

In a perfect world news sources would be objective and unbiased. But I do not live under this illusion. There will always be opinion mixed with news and one-sided views. Every time I pick up *EW*, I know what to expect, the same way that I know what will be on when I turn the channel to Fox News.

Now I am not really a Fox News fan, but I just find it funny that your publication would print something like, “Fox is so blatantly one-sided, it’s appalling.” Is *EW* any less one-sided? Feel free to dispose of this letter and instead publish another “Impeach Bush” letter.

*Aaron Canaday
Eugene*

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