

A DARK POWER RISES OVER EARTH.
WE MUST RISE TO STOP IT.



"IT WOULD SEEM FROM EVEN A CURSORY READING OF WORLD HISTORY THAT THERE IS NO NEW HORROR UNDER THE SUN, THAT WE WILL PERHAPS ALWAYS HAVE TO CONTEND WITH DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES IN OURSELVES AND OTHERS. THAT DOES NOT PREVENT US FROM MAKING AN EFFORT TO CHANGE, FROM WORKING TO FIND A BETTER WAY.

...AT OUR BEST WE, LIKE THE FELLOWSHIP, REALIZE INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY THAT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH VIGILANCE AND CONSCIOUS COMPASSION...AN EFFORT MADE TO IDENTIFY WITH OTHERS AND UNDERSTAND THEM IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND OURSELVES. TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US.

..A SWORD IS A SWORD, NOTHING MORE. HOPE, COMPASSION AND WISDOM BORN OF EXPERIENCE ARE...THE MIGHTIEST WEAPONS AT HAND."

--VIGGO MORTENSEN, ARAGORN IN THE LORD OF THE RINGS

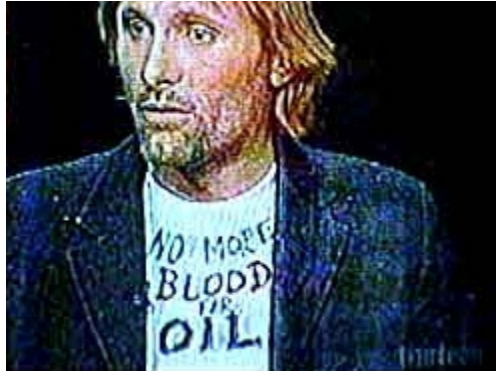
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STAND WITH THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL HUMANITY. RESIST ALL WHO CRY FOR VIOLENCE.
YOU ARE POWERFUL. ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

NO MORE WAR IN IRAQ!

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WHY ANOTHER WAR WITH IRAQ?



“...this country is founded on the principle that if the government isn’t serving the people, you at least have the right to say ‘Wait a minute! What’s going on?’”

~Viggo Mortensen, speaking on the Charlie Rose Show, PBS, 12/3/2002

(Transcript and sources for below at <http://www.mandeeep.org/viggoflyer>)

OIL

It is not about human rights in Iraq. Since the first US–Iraq War in 1991, more than 1 million Iraqi citizens, half of them children, have perished in US bomb attacks or through US–supported economic sanctions. Another US war would kill thousands more. **It is not about democracy.** Aside from having armed Saddam Hussein in the past, the US is the principal ally of the government of Saudi Arabia, a fundamentalist dictatorship. **It is not about UN resolutions.** The US provides billions of dollars in aid every year to Israel, which has stood for decades in violation of UN resolutions requiring an end to the occupation of Palestine. **It is not about 9/11.** There is no evidence connecting Iraq to the 9/11 attacks. **It is not about weapons of mass destruction.** Scott Ritter, the Republican who led the prior UN weapons inspectors in Iraq, reports that as of 1998 Iraq was 90–95% disarmed, with no evidence of rearmament. **It is not about national security.** Another US attack on Iraq will likely lead to greater hatred of the US and more terrorist attacks.

It is about oil. The US produces less than 10% of the world’s oil but consumes 25%. The Iraqi oil reserves are the world’s second largest, after Saudi Arabia’s. The drive to control oil has dominated US policy in the Middle East for half a century. The current US administration is dominated by people, including the President and Vice President, with staggering oil wealth. Their national energy plan, unsurprisingly, emphasizes increased consumption of oil. The average fuel economy of US cars has declined to all time lows, further fueling the voracious national appetite for oil.

BUT ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

Patriots, this is not the face we want to show the world: a greedy, overbearing nation that cares more for its gas guzzling SUVs than for the values of democracy, justice, and liberty. Opposing a new US war in Iraq is in the best traditions of our nation. Viggo Mortensen said, “...the people on the ground in those countries, the ones that are being affected, it’s like they’re invisible. If they’re not American, if they’re not European, they don’t exist; they’re disposable. And more of them have died in the past year than died at the World Trade Center! Does that mean anything?” The people of Afghanistan, Iraq, and other nations have the same rights we do. If we want peace, we must work for justice by opposing this immoral war. Speak out – with family, friends, representatives, and media. Stand with Viggo! Liberty and justice *for all* – not just *some*. **No more war in Iraq!**