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### Where's the antiwar movement?

Bless their hearts, who cares?

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Below I'm going to answer some questions asked by the [Brittanica Blog](#) (via [Instapundit](#)), in the order that they were given at the end of a blog post. To give the background, the author of said blog post has noticed something that the rest of you knew already: based on recent events, the Democratic party never really gave a tinker's dam about the Iraq War except inasmuch as it allowed them to scream about the Republican party. And, even though that party's leadership has by now pretty much contradicted everything that they have ever said on the subject of going to war, there seems to be a certain... passivity... thus far in the progressive antiwar movement's response to the Libya situation, too.

Fools, dupes, and knaves, in other words.

Anyway, on to the questions!

Nearly two-thirds of Americans now say that the war in Afghanistan hasn't been worth fighting, a number that has soared since early 2010. Where are their leaders?

On the Democratic side? Indifferent. On the Republican? Uninterested in losing a war.

Where are the senators pushing for withdrawal?

On the Democratic side? Scared about re-election, large numbers of them (and thus uninterested in anything like foreign policy). On the Republican? Getting testy about the lack of communication from the White House.

Where are the organizations?

Waiting for their marching orders from the Democratic establishment, most of them.

Could a new, non-Democratic antiwar movement do to Obama what the mid-2000s movement did to Bush?

*If* such a thing were to exist, and if it were to draw from actual, patriotic Americans (as opposed to the Commies, fascists, homophobes, Stalinists, racists, Maoists, misogynists, anti-Semites, anti-Globos, radical deep ecologists, and blackshirt anarchists that make up the current antiwar movement's core groups), I would *hope* that this hypothetical movement would take as its touchstone for success a group that was just a *little* more effective than the old antiwar crowd. Like, say, the Flat Earth Society.

And the \$64,000 question — though these days it would have to be at least a \$64 billion question — could a new antiwar movement hook up with the Tea Party movement in a Stop the War, Stop the Spending revolt?

Only if it was completely derived from the Right and Center. Considering that the antiwar Left has spent the last two years enthusiastically using crude sexual slurs against the Tea Party and the Right in general, I would pay good money to see them **try** to make common cause now. And they probably will, too: one of the most exasperating things about the Left's pet fantasy ideologists is their utter inability to understand that their targets have *memories*...

Moe Lane ([crosspost](#))

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### I hope these guys are on the bus again...

[Marcus Traianus](#) Monday, March 21st at 11:44AM EDT ([link](#))

Remember these guys? I bet they are on their way to Libya as we speak...

<http://tinyurl.com/46o3tbv>

"Both of our political parties, at least the honest portion of them, agree conscientiously in the same object—the public good; but they differ essentially in what they deem the means of promoting that good. One side believes it best done by one composition of the governing powers; the other, by a different one. One fears most the ignorance of the people; the other, the selfishness of rulers independent of them. Which is right, time and experience will prove." *Thomas Jefferson*

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### It's truly unbelievable

[Getting Back to Basics](#) Monday, March 21st at 12:00PM EDT ([link](#))

You can hear the crickets out there.

The president has engaged in an illegal war without congressional authorization against a country which does not threaten us. As George Will said yesterday, he has done so with "no limiting principle" which suggests why we would do it in Libya but not Bahrain or Saudi Arabia.

Yet the liberals are silent. It is a sad day in civil affairs when Dennis Kucinich is the only voice of reason coming from the Dems!

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## An anecdote

[\*IronDioPriest\*](#) Monday, March 21st at 12:04PM EDT ([link](#))

I live in one of the most conservative towns in the most conservative county in Michele Bachman's district. Yet on a main road leading into our town, a raging lunatic leftist placed a handmade wooden sign with horizontal slots for interchangeable letters.

All throughout the Bush years - from the Iraq war forward - passers-by were rewarded with your typical "moveon.org" type talking points. No war for oil. Bush lied, people died. Impeach Bush. Try Cheney for war crimes. 1 Million Dead Iraqi's & counting.

You name the liberal anti-war pabulum du jour, and he put it on his sign. When the election of '08 drew near, his target changed to McCain, with an occasional shift to the positive message of hopenchange.

Well, hopenchange won in '08. Ya know what his sign has read ever since?

"Peace is the Prize". In spite of Obama's carrying out "Bush's wars", this liberal did not have the intellectual honesty to hold his "change agent" accountable to the same anti-war standard with which he bludgeoned George W. Bush for 6 years.

It was never about being anti-war for the majority of Leftists. It was about shamelessly using the war as a weapon against a Republican president. Once that president was gone, they shelved the weapon, even though the new president changed nothing material about how we are conducting the wars.

Now Obama has inserted American military into another conflict - this one less imperative to American interest than either Iraq or Afghanistan.

What is a shameless "anti-war" Left to do? The true believers will become agitated, and we are seeing some rumblings in that direction. But for the majority of Leftists - like the man in my town with the sign - they will simply look the other way.

Obama invaded Libya. The sign still reads, "Peace is the Prize".

"If we finally fail in this great and glorious contest, it will be by bewildering ourselves in groping for the middle way."

-John Adams, 1776

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## It was all about power

[\*Getting Back to Basics\*](#) Monday, March 21st at 12:18PM EDT ([link](#))

It was never about peace for the Left. It was only about power.

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## **CODE PINK.....Missing in Action**

[\*Douglas Erley\*](#) Monday, March 21st at 12:10PM EDT ([link](#))

Just took a look at the Code Pink Web site. Not a word about the emperors new war. We can now see them for what they are. Not really against war, just against war started by the wrong guy. I love the libs.

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