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Rep. John Lewis Says 4000 Dead is Too Many

“This weekend this nation reached a devastating landmark. 4000 of our soldiers have died in Iraq--a war of choice, not a war of necessity. Tens of thousands of Iraqi citizens have died and over a million have left their homes seeking refuge. How many more of our young people must lose their lives before we realize enough is enough? How much more violence must we rain on humanity before we see that one more day is too many? One more death is too much.

“I do not understand the insensitivity of elected officials in this Administration who regard the opposition of seventy percent of the American people as irrelevant. Opponents to this war, like the Grandmothers for Peace who were arrested in Atlanta on the 5th anniversary of the Iraq war, should not have to risk the hazards of jail to make their voices heard. The American people want to end this war and end it now.

“I urge my colleagues in the Congress to lead the way. It is time for us to close this grim chapter in American history. It is leaving a stain on the moral fabric of this nation and destroying our credibility in the international community. Mohandas Gandhi once said, “Liberty and democracy become unholy when their hands are dyed red with innocent blood.”

“We will never find the answers in Iraq down the barrel of a gun. We must begin the healing and restoration that only diplomatic solutions can offer. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, ‘There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.’ We must end this war and end it now.”

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