

***UNMAKING WAR, REMAKING MEN:
HOW EMPATHY CAN RESHAPE OUR POLITICS, OUR SOLDIERS AND OURSELVES***
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20 QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWERS, BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

Why should a state not engage in war in order to prevent being attacked by another state?

What is the difference between an "insurgent" and a "resister"?

Why do you say that men are expendable for war? Aren't women also in the military?

What is the relationship between violence against women and violence in combat?

How do you account for the huge differences in various reports of the civilian death toll in Iraq and Afghanistan?

You show how patriotism leads to support for war crimes. Is there any valid basis for patriotism?

If soldiers were empathetic in combat, would that not weaken their resolve and increase the danger to them?

You have stressed the effect of humiliation on men in war. Aren't women in war zones also humiliated?

You have identified George W. Bush as a war criminal. Is it necessary to give him the label of psychopathic leader too?

Can we really expect men to remake masculinity?

Should women have a role in remaking masculinity? What would it be?

Why is demilitarization not a sufficient condition for peace either in a nation-state or in the world?

With your concept of core masculinity, do you not risk reducing or homogenizing cultural differences of men?

How are sociopathic conditions of war generated?

What if any are the differences between the U.S. approach leading up to invasion of Iraq and its pronouncements on Iran?

Why do you indicate that Hizbullah is a resistance force not a terrorist organization when it initiated suicide bombings or martyr missions against Israel while it occupied Lebanon?

How do the characteristics you associate with the leadership of George W. Bush, Ariel Sharon and Osama bin Laden relate to other world leaders today?

What is the problem with acknowledging our "soldiers' sacrifices" especially when they lose their lives in war?

What are grunts and what effect do they have on women in the military?

What is the similarity between mothers of martyrs whose sons have died in suicide bombings and mothers of soldiers killed in combat?