



Memorial Day Remembrance

This Remembrance is not dedicated to nations. It is not dedicated to flags, to flag waving. It is not a miniature Fourth of July.

Instead, it is a Remembrance of those who died because of war whether openly declared like Iraq, or waged in the shadows as in the Congo.

It is a remembrance of those human beings who are forever gone, whether they were combatants or civilians.

The fallen combatants on whatever side are obvious.

Less obvious are the civilians — their deaths are purposely unpublicized, purposely nameless, purposely faceless in our media.

Why should we care?

Why shouldn't we care?

We, like these combatants and civilians, are human beings first. We can also be described by race, nationality and class.

But these attributes are far less important to the fact that we are human beings first with responsibilities to the welfare of all human beings.

Fear, promoted by governments, is the first step to killing. Dehumanization and racism follow to make the killing easier.

We need to guard against the propaganda of fear, dehumanization, and racism so that we don't kill fellow human beings, so that we don't support the War Industry, which doesn't care about we human beings at all.

Let us identify with all human beings and together be strong in the face of those who do not value us.

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