

Benefits of War

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The Questions

Today the USA and its allies are in a deadly war against Iraq, preparing for the invasion of Baghdad. With 25% of America wanting no war at any cost, and 60% supporting the war against Iraq, one cannot help being curious about the brains of those 25%. Are they complete idiots? Don't they know that you can't just sit idly by while an evil dictator works to incarcerate, torture, dispossess, maim, and murder his political opponents, his neighbors, and the greatest enemy of Islam, America?

Maybe those questions are beside the point. It would be much more intelligent to ask "What are the Benefits of War?"

There can be no question that war does provide benefits, in spite of the fact that everyone associated with it, including the winner, loses. Some benefits are obvious and factual. Some are only conjectured, and conditioned upon winning. But against the broad backdrop of history, what are those benefits?

The answers, regardless of what they be, are relevant because war can only be intelligently done away with after societies find non-war methods of accruing to themselves the benefits of war otherwise provides.

The Keys to Eradicating War

In other words, a major key to eradicating war, as we know it, is to discover peaceful means of obtaining the benefits of war. But that is not the only key.

People usually start a war because either they think they can win, or the behavior of the opponent warrants it. The mindset behind this motive is always a sense of righteous superiority of one group over another, whether racial, cultural, financial, technological, moral, or religious. That sense of superiority breeds not just competition, but nationalism.

I received the strongest hint of this when I moved to Germany for nearly 5 years during the early 80's. In my discussions with people and my observation I learned first hand the meaning of provincialism. Germany has only been out of feudal society for just over a hundred years. In the remains of feudal societies, each town,

separated by as little as 5 kilometers from a neighboring town, has its own unique language dialect or intonations, its own specialties of culture, and its own sense of pride in being unique and therefore superior to neighboring towns. Its people are apt to deride those of neighboring towns for not being able to master the refinements of dialect or culture. They likewise saw their province as superior to a neighboring province.

In the late 1800's Kaiser Wilhelm unified the Teutonic States and thereby rendered German feudalism obsolete. In the years immediately following that, German provincialism thereby became nationalism. Germans began to see themselves, now unified, as superior to other races and nations. Being superior, they saw themselves as separate from their neighbors. Being separate justified taking potshots at other nations. Being unified spawned a sense of

racial loyalty that resulted in fierce national pride and loyalty. The sense of superiority and national loyalty and pride eventuated the mindset of nationalism. And nationalism led them into behavior that precipitated two world wars.

It is clear from this that nationalism is the number one cause of war.

Transferring Nationalism, the Cause of War

It may be only a temporary measure, owing to the likelihood of intelligent life in neighboring solar systems, but the solution to war requires the transfer of nationalistic loyalty and pride from the nation to the world. If we ever come into serious contact and conflict with people of other worlds, we will have to contend

with the effects of nationalism on a planetary basis. Until then, world nationalism will cure war.

Now how shall that transfer of nationalism from the nation to the world be accomplished?

A Few Benefits of War

Maybe that question is premature. In the hopes of answering it, we must first investigate the actual benefits of war. As nearly as I can tell, war provides the following benefits (and there may be many more I haven't considered):

- Booty
- Reduction of inferior people (defective, degenerate, anti-social)
- Reduction of excess population
- Shaking up a social system to force it to evolve
- Gaining control of land and natural resources
- Gaining slaves, servants, or control of people
- Reducing or eliminating a threat to peace and security
- Forcing combatants to form alliances with others of common interest
- Eliminating an oppressive or illegitimate government
- Forcing the rebuilding of infrastructures and communities so they are better than before
- Stimulating enhanced development of technology
- Stimulating development of more humane weapons
- Reducing unnecessary loss of life and property by use of more accurate and selective weaponry
- Resolution of disagreements or misunderstandings.
- Building an empire for more universal stability and security.

Getting The Benefits Peacefully

It is important that America and other nations evolve social mechanisms that will begin to

make war unnecessary. The main reason, aside from humanitarian motives, is that as

technology becomes more advanced, wars become more suicidal. That is a lesson the tyrannical regime of Iraq is learning. It is also a lesson being closely studied by China, for its turn in the barrel will someday arrive, and that conflict can be truly suicidal. It would be best to prevent it.

So what systems can we establish to achieve the benefits of war?

First, let us realize that war is simply an example of the working of Darwin's law of the survival of the fittest. Pluralistic governments such as the Republic of the USA are created to protect the strong from the weak by guaranteeing the same liberties to and imposing the same responsibilities on all citizens. Such protections undo the law of the survival of the fittest, for the inferior, degenerate, defective, and anti-social are also protected by rule of law, whereas a Darwinist mechanism would otherwise have decimated them. Such degenerates can easily overwhelm society. For that reason, society must limit their proliferation by peaceful means.

Converting National Pride to World Pride

As to the question of how to convert national pride into world pride, I am certain the USA must take a leadership role. It is one of the few nations in the world that has no history of feudalism or dictatorship, aside from the travail of shedding control by the English monarchy. It is as much the champion of liberty with responsibility as any nation has ever been. Its language is becoming universal, its culture has

And so we see as the very first sane example of a social mechanism that will provide the benefit of war without requiring war is the establishment of intelligent and fair laws to control population growth and plan the population's genetic content. Such laws in America in 2003 are a very tall order, for it is virtually impossible to discuss eugenics or sterilization of the insane and violently criminal (and their parents) without being called a Nazi. But the realization of the necessity of such programs, along with arranged matches between average and superior genetic types, must eventually become obvious.

I will save discussion of other social mechanisms for providing the benefits of war peacefully for a later article. It is clear from just the above example that Americans must do a lot of soul searching and come to grips with some harsh and politically un-correct realities in order to get rid of war. Unfortunately, the very people who rage the most stridently against war will be the most vitriolic opponents of the evolution of such social mechanisms. Don't be surprised when their rage hits the fan, and don't back down or give in.

spread worldwide, and its polyglot population represents every nation of the world.

What the USA must do is to disband and eject the United Nations from American soil, and relegate it to the fate of the League of Nations. The UN is a criminal organization that allows criminal governments to be members and vote alongside legitimate nations.

The Sovereign Alliance of Legitimate Nations

And then the USA must foster the creation of another limited constitutional republic to which it and member nations yield all war-making sovereignty. Let us suppose it would be named SALeN - Sovereign Alliance of Legitimate Nations. Only legitimate nations can be

members, and they are allied to endow SALeN with sovereignty to wage war and exert control over international relationships. By legitimate I mean nations in which the governments operate by consent of the governed and are strictly limited in power by a constitution or charter,

have a balance of power, and are not dominated by any religious, business, or criminal group.

SALEN's chief purpose is to take over issues of military conflict between nations in the world. It's first obligation is to protect member nations against attack or war from within the alliance or by non members. It would also be empowered to wage war against non-member nations, such as is being done in Iraq today.

SALEN would impose strict requirements for membership in good standing, and other nations desiring membership must reform to suit those requirements before being allowed to become members. Even charter members would be required to reform as necessary to meet the requirements within a reasonable time period. SALEN would impose severe penalties on any who fail to abide by the requirements within a reasonable time frame.

All members would be taxed a percentage of their GNP for support of SALEN and its military and regulatory authority. SALEN would take control of all managing major natural resources of member nations for the common good. There would be no hoarding of oil by OPEC members

or gold and precious gemstones by South Africa and the diamond companies. SALEN would print a currency that would be 100% backed by gold, and it would never operate at deficit. It would have primary authority to tax member nations (never the people directly) for necessary funds, always a flat percentage based on GNP or population. SALEN would operate by and guarantee a bill of rights, and maintain 4 branches of government - legislative, executive, judicial, and advisory.

Will such a government be tolerable to the sovereign citizens of sovereign America? Eventually, it must be. The writing is on the wall. The USA needs help to take down and replace the criminal governments of the world, without the endless haggling in the UN and the pretense of eliminating weapons of mass destruction. And it needs to overcome the recalcitrance and duplicitous skullduggery of nations like Germany, France, and Russia. A one-world government like SALEN is the only hope the world has for true and abiding peace.

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