

defines violence by persons on the lower rungs of the hierarchy as criminal. The patriarchy defines sanctioned violence by those on the designated higher rungs of the ladder as the exercise of duty.

The youth movement of the '60s—peace, love, anti-materialism, racial equality, sexual and sumptuary freedom—proposed a wide-spectrum breach of the various patriarchal territories. The only transgressions allowed by the patriarchy were ones that weakened or divided their challengers while leaving the existing bedrock political, financial, and military structures intact. The allowed transgressions then became the focus of patriarchal disdain in the guise of defense of “family values”.

WAR OR PEACE—11/29/05

Fact-Backed Opinions

(FBO): Humanity's numbers are beginning to stretch the earth's carrying capacity to its limit.

FBO: As resources grow scarcer, nations compete more vigorously for them.

Fact: The U.S. has a long-standing policy of threatening military intervention to assure its energy supply.

Fact: The U. S. has invaded and now occupies a nation, Iraq, that has one of the world's largest oil reserves.

FBO: The history of the 20th century shows that no nation's populace benefits from either winning or losing a modern technological war.

FBO: Aggressor nations attacking with technological weaponry tend almost entirely to be defeated. Notable exception: Israel.

FBO: Victorious nations suffer loss of life, physical destruction, and loss of colonies. Notable exception: The U.S. after WW II escaped homeland destruction, but took on the function of policing the world leading to further wars that ultimately hardened into a de-facto world empire, the maintenance of which portends yet further wars.

Fundamental Tenets of the Conventional Wisdom

(FTOTCW): Wars are inevitable.

(FTOTCW): Victory over the enemy is the only defensible predicted outcome of a war.

(FTOTCW): All's fair in love and war.

(FTOTCW): Nice guys finish last.

(FTOTCW): The best defense is a good offence.

(FTOTCW): All American wars must be conducted on foreign soil.

(FTOTCW): Be prepared.

Proposed Root Cause of War

(PRCOW): When atavistic territoriality is triggered, patriarchies (in the U.S.—white patriarchy) reserve to themselves the power to initiate violent responses. The patriarchy