Why We Fight - Eugene Jarecki

Terms

Blowback

Bush Doctrine

Preemptive Strike

Contributors and representatives

Politicians

- Senator John McCain: Elected to the United States Senate in 1986, he is a former U.S. Navy pilot and Vietnam prisoner of war.

Civilians

- Joseph Cirincione, Senior associate and Director of the Non-Proliferation Project, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.
- Gwynne Dyer, Military Historian: He is a military historian, writer, and journalist who has worked for the Canadian, British, and American militaries. He published books, articles, information papers, and a radio series, about international affairs.
- Susan Eisenhower, Granddaughter of President Eisenhower: Senior fellow at the Eisenhower Institute's director of programs. She is serving a third appointment to the Committee on International Security and Arms Control (CISAC) of the National Academy of Sciences.
- John Eisenhower, Son of President Eisenhower, Military Historian: A military historian member of White House staff during his father's administration. He is a retired Brigadier General (USA) and served as U.S. ambassador to Belgium, 1969 and 1971.
- Chalmers Johnson, Central Intelligence Agency 1967-1973, Political Scientist: With a fifty-year career in foreign policy, he is President of the Japan Policy Research Institute. An academic at the University of California, he has written many articles and books.
• **Charles Lewis**, Center for Public Integrity: Founder, and ex-executive director, Center for Public Integrity—non-profit, non-partisan "watch-dog" organisation established in 1989—investigating and reporting their research about U.S. public policies

• Wilton Sekzer, Retired police sergeant, New York City Police Department / Vietnam veteran: Vietnam veteran, door gunner from the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion, whose son was killed on 9/11. After the attacks, he says the Bush Administration made him believe Saddam Hussein was responsible. He e-mailed every military branch, asking if his son's name might be written on a bomb to be dropped on Iraq. Later, he is uncertain if he should regret his actions, after hearing President Bush claim he does not know from where people got the idea that there was a link between Saddam Hussein and the 9/11 attacks.

• William Solomon: Twenty-three-year-old soldier. Deployed to Iraq on 10 January 2005, for 18 months, as a helicopter mechanic. It appears Solomon made it to Sergeant in the 1st Battalion 52nd Aviation Regiment, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, according to a website that reports on different activities of soldiers. There is [a photo of Solomon][4] and a Specialist talking to basketball coaches in Kuwait at Camp Virginia. The coaches are on their way to Iraq to participate in Operation Hardwood 5 which is a program that brings US basketball coaches to the American troops in the Middle East.

• **Frank "Chuck" Spinney**, Retired Military Analyst: Lehigh University-schooled mechanical engineer (class of 1967), worked in the USAF, in Ohio, before working in the Pentagon's Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation in 1977. He became a harsh critic of the Pentagon, later known as the "Conscience of the Pentagon", when he attacked the spiraling spending increase in the report "Defense facts of life", published in 1982, later known as the "Spinney Report", which earned a cover on "Time" magazine.

• **Gore Vidal**, Author of Imperial America: Writer, playwright, screen writer, novelist, and essayist, he has written books on American foreign policy explaining the American empire.

**Military participants**

• 'Fuji' and 'Tooms': USAF stealth fighter pilots 'Fuji' and 'Tooms' dropped the first bombs on Baghdad city, starting the Iraq War in 2003.

• Colonel Richard Treadway, Commander USAF Stealth Fighter Squadron: Vice-Commander of the 49th Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force

• **Colonel Walter W. Saeger, Jr.**, Director, U.S. Air Force Munitions Directorate: Director of the Air-to-Surface Munitions Directorate, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

• Karen Kwiatkowski: A retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel of the Pentagon working with the National Security Agency.

• **James G. Roche**, Secretary of the Air Force: Twentieth United States Secretary of the Air Force

• **Nguyet Anh Duong**: Inventor of the thermobaric bunker buster bomb, refugee from South Vietnam