

VIDEO: Guernica-Iraq

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"Guernica" was painted by Picasso in 1937. It depicts the senseless massacre by the Nazi Luftwaffe in the Basque city of Guernica, Spain. The attack was ordered at the behest of fascist Spanish General, Francisco Franco, during the Spanish Civil War. Guernica was a non-military target, the innocent people of the town were attacked in an attempt to psychologically break the will of those who opposed Franco's fascistic nationalist pursuit.



"Guernica" by Picasso - 1937, Oil on Canvas

Picasso captured an intense scene reflecting the deeply unjust suffering, agony and despair experienced by the people of Guernica. And in doing so he produced one of the most iconic, powerful and affecting pieces of anti-war artwork ever put to canvas. It is little surprise then that a reproduction of the painting, which hangs outside the entrance to the UN Security Council, was <u>covered</u> while Colin Powell was attempting to sell the Iraq War to the world.

The people of Iraq are suffering what amounts to the similar unjust brutality inflicted on the people of Guernica, except it's practically on a daily basis. A more accurate comparison would be to imagine having the London Tube and Bus bombings everyday. And have them happen so often that they become a predictable daily occurrence and part of life.

I think the Truth Movement needs to make its anti-war stance much more firmly known. This is not a Movement of "Conspiracy Theorists" with a "Conspiracy Theory" as Alexander Cockburn and Noam Chomsky falsely smear it as. This is a Movement standing up with the family members and others personally affected by the attacks, in simply calling for a real

investigation. But it is also a Movement that is identical in sentiment to that of the Anti-War Movement. We should be building more bridges to them, and demonstrating that we're on exactly the same page, it's just half of their page is missing. And what they're missing is the ability to actually question the foundations of the all Wars justified by the attacks. We've got to show them that 9/11 Truth is a legitimate and key part of opposing the fraudulent Wars of aggression.

What I hope for is that the Anti-War and 9/11 Truth Movements can combine themselves, because they both have compatible elements that are necessary to each other. The Anti-War Movement has the more established grassroots and force of numbers, and the 9/11 Truth Movement brings an issue to campaign with that can actually delegitimise and stop to the "War on Terror".

(The video can also be found on <u>Google Video</u> and <u>Youtube</u>, although the <u>911Podcasts</u> hosting is recommended for quality.)

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