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Comes the following paragraph:

"The single most dominant issue we face remains the threat from jihadism. The ugly words broadcast by the jihadists may seem mad, but they are matched by steady actions upon a world-wide front. Their stated aim is to convert us forcibly to Islam or to exterminate us until the caliphate stretches around the world: one religion, one polity. President Bush addressed this threat with the greatest simplicity and power he has ever brought to the subject. A great many do not see the danger as President Bush does. They certainly do not recognize what bin Laden and his lieutenants have often declared--that Iraq is today the frontline in that jihad. Some in America seem ready to withdraw U.S. troops. They seem willing to prove bin Laden's maxim that in any protracted fight, the United States is the weak horse, and the jihadists are the strong horse, which is the only one that people respect."

World-wide front.

Caliphate.

Iraq is...the frontline in...Jihad.

United States is the weak horse.

Respect.

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This is what this war is. It isn't just Iraq. Or Afghanistan. It is a world war.

To lose it is extinction.

Why does the peace movement have such a hard time seeing that?

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Fred Thompson was filling in for Paul Harvey on his news program this morning. He mentioned that the Code Pink folks had erected an effigy of Mahatma Gandhi on Pelosi's front lawn. Gandhi was the origin of the modern version of civil disobedience. The peace movement (aka anti-war movement) hold Gandhi up as some kind of fetish or idol, the embodiment of "peace". What they don't realize or deliberately overlook is that, during World War II, Gandhi urged Great Britain to surrender to the Nazis. He also urged the Jews to give themselves up to be exterminated as a "heroic gesture".

Gandhi's view was that the German Jews ought to commit collective suicide,

which "would have aroused the world and the people of Germany to Hitler's violence." After the war he justified himself: the Jews had been killed anyway, and might as well have died significantly." ---George Orwell

I for one do not intend to surrender to the Islamofascists as a "heroic gesture", to die "significantly". I get the impression that Murtha, Code Pink, and the MoveOn crowd do.

One commentary on Ghandi stated some of Ghandi's philosophy: "The hope is that by resisting with dignity and calling on the oppressor's conscience, the latter might eventually be won over without having to sacrifice life on either side."

The problem is that, if the jihadist has no conscience (and there is great evidence from the number of suicide homicide bombings perpetrated by them that this is true), then the life that is sacrificed will be yours at no cost to the jihadist.