

Response to Wolfgang Schawaller's A German citizen's letter to President Bush / Iraq war from the [USA] Constitution Party

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Wolfgang,

Thank you for sharing this response. I found it very encouraging. You see, I am very young and the history I was taught was all facts and dates. Your letter put a new face on the history of WWII for me.

It was one, that as an American, I truly appreciated. One hopes that one's country's armed forces will act with honor in time of battle but rarely in this day and age do we hear about honor and respect. I was so glad to hear that they acted well in WWII and it is my prayer that they are doing so in Iraq. War is always ugly but we will always have it with us as long as there are tyrants in the world who necessitate it.

The other reason I was glad to see your letter is that it showed an individual opinion from a nation whose government was not in support of the Iraq war. As Europe is so far away from us in the United States, I believe it is easy to lump groups together far too quickly. I have seen much resentment expressed against "Germans" or "French".

With knowledge of your letter, I can respond by saying, "We cannot condemn an entire people group for the actions of their politicians any more than we can the regular Iraqi's for the actions of their leadership. There are those who remember the blood our fathers and grand fathers shed in Europe and are thankful that they are free because of it."

If ever you visit the United States, please let us know. We would love to meet you and show you around Philadelphia. The monuments to Liberty there are our constant inspiration to continue the efforts of the Founding Fathers of our country and help others experience Liberty as well. My prayer is that the Iraqi people will have honest leaders who will rise to lead them wisely and in the ways of Liberty so that they will not have to live in fear again.

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