

Warring Against Modernity

By Aryeh Neier

Washington Post

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“Some Islamic leaders are tepid in their support for us, both because they remain uncertain whether we will pursue terrorism in a manner that will contribute to such a clash and because as modernizers themselves, they are weary of becoming targets.....many Islamic states could join the struggle more wholeheartedly if it took place under the authority of the world body, and fellow travelers of the terrorists would have more difficulty in whipping up the anti-Americanism on which they thrive.

Equal time for Hitler?

by William Safire

New York Times

9/20/01

“Here is why the VOA is the wrong voice in this area in wartime”.....

“...we need an American signal in Afghanistan’s five languages with a clear, truthful message: Bin Laden and his gang are the cause of present and future misery...”

Struggle for Afghanistan’s Airwaves Looms

By Dan Nowicki

The Orange County Register

9/27/01

“Had Radio Free Afghanistan continued, the Taliban probably wouldn’t have been able to seize control of most of the country, insists (Ed) Royce, R-Fullerton.”

The Ultimate Weapon Against Terrorism

By David Hoffman

Internews.org

10/01/01

“In this battle of world views, the West’s greatest weapon will be its proliferation of pluralistic, open media”

Monitoring Afghanistan

Cambridge University Wireless Society

10/01/01

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10/01- “As the tensions increase, it would probably be advisable to keep an ear on the short-wave bands and an eye on the web, since it is at times like these that the media, and particularly propaganda and clandestine radio stations are working hardest.”----Also, “*The World Radio TV Handbook* lists Afghanistan has having a population of 31,876,539 but only 1,670,000 radio sets and 100,000 television sets. It will therefor be very interesting to see whether any NATO countries attempt to set up propoganda stations to influence events within the country”

10/04- Ed Royce has introduced legislation to create a radio station called “Radio free Afghanistan”. million for fiscal year 2002 and 6 million for 03 “to revive the broadcasts aired by Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty during Soviet expansion during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan”

10/09- “Taliban are thought to be monitoring foreign television, despite banning the medium in their country”

California Republican pushes for radio free Afghanistan

By Jim Burns

CNCNews.com (clandestineradio.com)

10/03/01

“Information is the only way to win the public relations war, (Ed) Royce said, information that is up on the airwaves 24 hours a day”

Congress considers Campaign for Hearts and Minds of Muslims

By Jeffery Donovan

10/12/01

“Henry Hyde said yesterday at a congressional hearing on the role of U.S. public diplomacy in the fight against terrorism that the media in the Middle east has been key in spreading anti-U.S. sentiment across the Islamic world, depicting America as a force for evil in the world.”

We Can't Win if We're Not Heard

by Robert Stewart

Washington Post

10/14/01

“America is losing the battle of ideas within countries harboring terrorists, placing our national security at risk.”

Higher Ambition in Central Asia

by Georgie Anne Geyer

Washington Times

“It turns out that a disproportionate number of problems are found in the mountains. The people are independent and resourceful, but they are also impoverished and apprehensive: they are marginalized by their societies because in most cases they find themselves on the insecure political borders of a number of states.”

Where are the Arab world's moderate Voices?

By Shibley Telhami

Los Angeles Times

10/19/01

“It is time for those elites and political forces that represent the views of the majorities in the region to speak with more courage and imagination, and for the international community and especially the U.S. to help them succeed.”

Push Comes to Shove

by William Safire

New York Times

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“Most people in Afghanistan—including Taliban soldiers, suffering civilians and wavering warlords-have one link to the outside world—have one link to the outside world: short-wave and AM transistor radio.”

***Attached to:

They Can Live Together

The Economist

11/17/01

“All Muslims, not just Western ones should know that life for them is all right in the West”

The War for Muslim Hearts and Minds

By Tony Karon

Time.com

11/06/01

** marked “The U.S. has introduced a new secret weapon to the propaganda war: Christopher Ross, former US ambassador to Syria and State Department counter-terrorism coordinator...”

**marked “The Bush administration confronts its greatest weakness in the current battle—the absence of Muslim allies whose support is anything more than lukewarm.”

** .. “in the propaganda war the U.S. needs indigenous allies to aggressively carry the fight to bin Laden in the court of Arab and Muslim public opinion.”

The Worrier-Newt Gingrich Returns

By Peter Boyer

New Yorker Magazine

11/26/01

Gingrich critical of Bush’s communication skills, and of “psy-ops” in Afghanistan