I. War and Social Problems

A. Human Cost

1. Death

a. Major 20th century wars

i. #

ii. who dies

b. Iraq I

i. U.S. 1991: 300 killed

ii. VA: 5/02: 8,306 !

iii. Iraqis?

c. Iraq II (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

i. U.S. soldiers 4489

ii. revision??

iii. Iraqi: 1,000,000

d. Afghanistan I (Bush) II (Obama)

i. US: 2290

ii. Afghans: 500 civilians a month (+40%)

ii. children

70% no access to fresh water

highest infant mortality rate

2. Non-fatal casualties

a. Iraq I

i.1991: 467 wounded

ii.5/02 VA:159,705

iii. VA: 168,001 classified “disabled” from

“service connected ‘exposures’

b. Iraq II

i. U.S. + Est 100,000 +

ii. PTSD 300, 000 +

iii. TBI 320,000

iv. suicides: 18 per day

iii. Iraqis?

c. Afghanistan I and II

3. Post-war (war zones)

a. land mines: 80 million/20,000

b. cluster munitions

c. depleted uranium

d. humanitarian crisis

i. water, food

ii. Iraq children: 1 in 4 “wasting”

iii. Afghan children:

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e. refugees

f. political and economic instability

B. Financial Cost

1. Cost of Wars since 2001 $1.3 trillion

2. U.S. Military

a. budget

b. comparison

c. accounting

3. Privatization

4. Empire of bases

5. Veteran’s Administration

C. Political/social costs

1. factionalism

2. civil war

3. violence

4. genocide and ethnic cleansing

D. Blowback from Wars

1. Blowback definition

2. Russia/Afghanistan War: Al Qaeda

3. US/Afghanistan War I: poppy fields forever

5. Iraq War II: “manufacturing” terrorists

a. US Army War College (b/I)

b. CIA (a/I)

6. The face of America/Drones

a. 2% killed are high level targets

b. kill American citizens w/o due process

c. “signature strikes”

d. “double taps”

e. creates terrorists

7. Homeless Vets: 135,000 per year, 1.5 million at risk

8. Veterans Administration: backlog 450,000 claims

E. New technologies of destruction

1. WWI: Poison gas, machine gun

2. WWII: incendiary bombs, atomic bombs,

napalm

3. Vietnam: Agent Orange

4. Iraq war

a. drones or remote controlled planes

b. white phosphorous

c. IEDs

d. car bombs

5. The “shredder”, “bunker buster,” Prozac weapon

II. War and Democracy

A. Bill of Rights

1. intent

2. “due process” “Great Writ”

3. courts

4. “I don’t mind if there are drones, internet and human surveillance because I am not

do anything wrong.”

B. War and loss of rights

1. WWI: Espionage Act (Sedition Act)

a. Definition:

i. resistance to lawful authority

ii. interfering with war effort

iii. criticism of the government that interfered with war

effort

b. Enforcement

i. Eugene Debs

ii. Charles Schenk “Clear and Present Danger”

iii. “Spirit of 76”

c. Obama and Whistleblowers

2. WWII: EO 9066

3. Cold War:

a. House Un-American Activities Committee

b. Internal Security and Emergency Detention Act

c. McCarthyism

d. EO 9066

4. Vietnam War: COINTELPRO

a. infiltrate peaceful groups exercising their 1st Amendment Rights

b. use “dirty tricks” to counteract successes of groups

c. use the legal system to undermine groups: false arrest, suborning perjury,

manufacturing evidence

d. funding violent groups

5. Iraq War II

a. Patriot Act

i. sneak and peak searches

ii. magic lantern

iii. FISA court/National Security Letters

iv. personal information

v. sec 215

b. Military Commissions Act: Habeus Corpus

c. National Defense Authorization Act 2012

The law is an historic threat because it codifies indefinite military detention without charge or trial into law for the first time in American history. It could permit the president – and all future presidents – to order the military to imprison indefinitely civilians.

The law does not require even an allegation that a detained person caused any harm or threat of harm to the United States or to any U.S. interest. Mere allegation of membership in, or support of, an alleged terrorist group could be the basis for indefinite detention. .

d. Homeland Security

i. 1200 gov org/2000 private companies

ii. operating in 10.000 locations

iii. generate 50,000 intelligence reports a day

iv. millions of cameras/billions of footage “gazillion” bytes of info

v. 2012 $57 billion

e. National Security Agency