I. War and Social Problems

A. Human Cost

1. Death

a. Major 20th century wars

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 4364

ii. revision??

d. Afghanistan I (Bush) II (Obama)

i. US

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. 31,971 + Est 100,000 +

ii. PTSD 300, 000 +

iii. TBI 320,000

iv. suicide

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

B. Financial Cost

1. Iraq War II

2. Afghanistan

3. U.S. Military

a. budget

b. comparison

c. accounting

4. Privatization

C. Political/social costs

1. factionalism

2. civil war

3. violence

4. genocide and ethnic cleansing

D. Blowback

1. Russia/Afghanistan War: Al Qaeda

2. US/Afghanistan War I: poppy fields forever

3. Iraq War II: terrorists

a. US Army War College (b/I)

b. CIA (a/I)

c. ISIS

4. Global Anti-US opinion

5. Homelessness, domestic violence, suicide

G. 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