

Kerrey's versus Pollard's heroism

The interview between Wolf Blitzer of CNN and Bob Kerrey, former U.S. Senator and a once and possible future presidential candidate, came across as a PR piece bought and paid for by the Liberal elite. Throughout this interview Kerrey never fessed up to the fact that this story was about to break in the NY Times and 60 Minutes, nor did Blitzer question him as to whether this fact played any role in him now coming forward.

After the massacre Kerrey was still combat ready enough to continue in action and later earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. I could only conclude that Kerrey knew that he had committed a sin of extraordinary magnitude. When the "fire fight" was over, there were at least thirteen unarmed women and children dead, yet Kerrey now states, "There was no physical evidence of the enemy ever being there." Notwithstanding, by his own words he admitted covering up this atrocity including three years as Nebraska's Governor then twelve years as a U.S. Senator.

There has been only one Holocaust, but what the Nazi Holocaust demonstrated so well is that human deprivation occurs incrementally. It starts with simple massacres; you shoot the first innocent person and then you shoot the next set of people and after you realize that you cannot shoot enough people you look to more efficient methods such as gas chambers. This is why weapons of mass destruction are developed and why chemical warfare is so frightening. Saddam Hussein understands this. Bob Kerrey took the first step down this frightening path and stopped. On the other hand, Jonathan Pollard, the convicted spy, did not need to kill anyone to understand the consequences of weapons of mass destruction before he blew the whistle on what he saw cross over his desk at Naval Intelligence.

The rewards in America for covering up your sins or revealing the truth are indeed ironic. In this instance Kerrey received numerous commendations and the nation's highest award of valor while Pollard's reward is going on sixteen years of hard time.

In war both sides commit atrocities, which is the whole point of peacemakers in attempting to prevent future atrocities. It is in the gray area of corrupt secret policies such as the ill-conceived CIA support of Iraq in supporting Saddam's chemical warfare production that was ultimately aimed against Israel – a policy that is so incomprehensible to anyone who has relatives that lived through the Holocaust.

I couldn't help but hear Kerrey's plea to Mr. Blitzer about his reasoning for coming forward now, his need for forgiveness, relying on the love of his children today, which was in stark contrast to his lack of compassion for his victims so many years ago.

Were there only one witness to this atrocity, this cover-up would have remained with those Navy SEALs who elected to follow their leader and their mutual conspiracy [which led directly to Kerrey's Bronze Star that stated that twenty one Vietcong were killed in this incident, a clear lie which could have been refuted at any time including the moment at which President Nixon

personally awarded it to him]. What was going through his mind at that moment when the President of the United States was reading the commendation for heroism to him personally; could he have possibly thought about those innocent human beings that he knew lay dead and forgotten in a conspiracy that would only be revealed solely because one of his SEAL team members couldn't live with his conscience? Why did Kerrey accept that medal?

At the same time, is this public persecution of the whistle blower by the political elite and the press in America any different than that they imposed on Jonathan Pollard? The only difference is there was no corroborating witness and Pollard stands alone in revealing the conspiracy of the misguided CIA policy in providing substantial chemical warfare armaments to Saddam Hussein aimed at the Jewish State which ironically was probably used against US soldiers during the Gulf War. Whose sin is greater; Pollard's for violating an American secrecy law that could have lead to the death of hundreds of thousands of Israeli citizens to prevent another Holocaust or Kerrey's sin, which clearly led to the murder of at least thirteen innocent people? Pollard has already spent 15 years, one-third of his life, in an American prison while Kerrey has spent less than those number of years in two of America's most exalted political offices; knowing full well that he had lied while serving his country. Where is the justice in the American judicial system? Where is the forgiveness in Bob Kerrey's heart?