

A Public Letter to US Congressman Dennis Kucinich

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Dear Mr. Kucinich:

When I watched your speech from C-Span TV channel during the days-long US Congress debate on Iraq, I found a genuine political leader beyond the narrow interest of one country's congress. I admit that your existence in the US Congress changed my attitude toward the awful political body. Your compassion against the Bush Administration's criminal war is not from political calculation. (When I watch some anti-war politicians utilizing the reason of China's possible "attacking" its separated province, I know they are standing with Bush.) It is my high pleasure to meet you in person and I was deeply moved (as the senior audience from former Yugoslavia) by your speech at Mission College at the night of March 28. Since so many people wanted to talk to you after your speech, I could only promise to write you.

I looked your web site at www.kucinich.us and read most of "Kucinich On The Issues". I am very glad to find that we have so many in common in so many social/political issues regarding our collective destination of the only one humanity in the world. Though a stateless refugee without the right to vote, I strongly support you and wish to see an American people's President, after Abraham Lincoln, to enter the White House.

However, the main motive to write you, as my first letter to a US Congressman, is to express disagreement and propose suggestion.

You are right in your statement upon the American attack against Iraq: "This is a sad day for America, the world community, and the people of Iraq." "President Bush has launched an unprovoked attack against another country. Iraq does not pose an imminent threat to the United States or any of its neighboring nations. Iraq was not responsible for the terrorist attacks of September 11." "This war is wrong; it violates the Constitution and international law." However, I cannot agree with you when you said "Tonight, President Bush has commanded U.S. forces to go to war in violation of American traditions of **defensive** war that have lasted since George Washington." This is not true. For peoples in Mexico, Cuba, Panama, Columbia, the Philippines, Korea, China, Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and many other places all over the world, America has been regarded (and has been) an imperialist aggressor. The difference today is: the American Empire is the solo superpower to destroy the human civilization without being checked by other powers.

You have thought many vital issues and reached conclusions which are good for both America and the world. I especially appreciate your stance on issues of economy, civil liberty, universal health care, water as a human right, trade, and manufacturing. You also stated: "The United States must affirm principles of sustainability as well as recognize and promote international cooperation and agreements. We must affirm and ratify treaties beginning with the Kyoto Treaty on Global Climate Change" and other international treaties. However, as the future American President, you still need a new comprehensive foreign policy for America.

Since almost all American "think tanks" and university institutes of foreign policy are associated either with governmental power or corporate profit, you will not find alternative from these bipartisan values or visions (I understand your embarrassment when concerned American citizens ask: "Where are the good Democrats?"). The shameful failure case is the current Iraq war "prediction": almost all influential policy "researchers" and policy makers (including Vice

President of America) indulged themselves in a easy and quick conquest of Iraq. They learned nothing from the September 11th attack; they never know how America is hated in the world as the consequence of its imperialist foreign policy; they never know the determination of third world's people's willing to resist American Imperialism.

Our US-Japan-China Comparative Policy Research Institute was established for the purpose to promote mutual understanding between American and East Asian peoples and we have published more than one hundred articles on issues also vital to American interest. Rather than introducing our publications (most English writings are posted at our web site) for you to read, I would like directly to list three agendas for your Asia policy formation:

1. To comply the 1979 Sino-American Shanghai Communique to stop selling weapons to Taiwan. This will fundamentally stabilize the world's most important bilateral relationship in this century and it should become America's basic principle toward the Chinese people regardless whatever regimes are in Beijing. This will also greatly assist the Chinese people to promote China's democratization which is the core stone of the permanent peace to Asian and the world. I myself has been deprived of my PRC citizenship because I organized democratic activities in Japan during the 1989 Tiananmen Square Incident, you can easily understand that this stance is on behalf of the Chinese people, even though the current regime in Beijing also repeats it.

2. To immediately resume direct and indirect talks with North Korea (as the Clinton Administration did), and to withdraw American troops from South Korea according to both North and South Korean people's willing (as the Carter Administration attempted to do). There are still many Korean families which are forcibly separated for more than half-century because of foreign American troops in the peninsula.

3. To dissolve U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, to withdraw American troops from Japan (which are actually concentrated in Japan's small colony Okinawa), and to let Japan obtain full independence (so its government would not support whatever White House's war against its own people's willing).

Respectfully,

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