

**Extracts From The Newspaper Columns of Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk**  
*(Italics have been added by the MCB for emphasis)*

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Proving not all men are equal

THERE could be fewer starker demonstrations of the difference between Britain and the United States and the Arabs than the manner in which they treat their civilians and their dead.

While the Iraqis force their children and civilians to act as human shields, the Americans risk the lives of their soldiers to rescue Arab women stranded on the battlefields.

*While the Iraqis - and the Palestinians, and the Algerians, and the Yemenis, and others - force their children and civilians to sacrifice themselves as suicide bombers to kill other children and civilians, the Americans put their lives on the line to rescue a solitary Private Jessica Lynch.*

While the Arabs desert their dead soldiers in the desert to be buried with reverence by the Americans, we go to enormous lengths to retrieve every single body.

And we treat them all - every single one - with respect, as we saw with the services on the Ark Royal and the deeply moving ceremony with a full-turn out of the top brass at Brize Norton though, inexplicably, Tony Blair was AWOL.

Who says that all cultures are morally equal?

**Sunday Express, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

*CAN everyone stop blaming the British and Americans for the fact that there are a load of thieving Arabs in Iraq?*

It is not the fault of the United States that Iraqis of all ages went on a looting spree in Baghdad, Basra and elsewhere.

The Americans are not responsible for the wanton destruction of hospitals. The Americans are not to blame for the desecration of the national museums. The marines did not ransack offices and banks. The Royal Irish Regiment did not steal from private homes.

The Iraqis did all this. They stole from each other, destroyed their own communities. Indeed, they probably caused more damage, certainly to the hospitals, than that inflicted by the war.

It is the Iraqi looters who are the people without a sense of responsibility, who are lacking in conscience, who have no morals.

Birmingham does not get raped and pillaged when there are no police on the streets.

Little Rock is not wrecked the moment the FBI are seen to be absent. *The orgy of thieving in Iraq has more to do with the character of the people than the absence of restraining troops.*

And to think that good, decent, law-abiding young British and American men and women laid down their lives to liberate this thieving mob.

### **Sunday Express, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

WAS TONY BLAIR telling the truth when on Wednesday he said that he always knew that we would face "resistance all the way to the end of the campaign" in Iraq and that we had expected to be fighting street by street in Baghdad? Or had he reverted to his bad old ways of making it up as he goes along?

Seems like the latter. We were never prepared for what is happening in Iraq. We were led to believe that the "shock and awe" of the initial barrage would lead to a quick capitulation. We were reassured it would be a "war of technology". We were promised that it would be clean and quick, with the minimum loss of life on both sides. Street fighting will inevitably entail considerable loss of life on all sides.

The truth seems to be that the two governments got it all very badly wrong. As the commanders in the field constantly tell us, this campaign is not what they expected. The Iraqis are not performing to our script; they are not playing the roles allotted to them. They have their own plans. They are not caving in, they are not running away, they are not surrendering. Nor are there any uprisings.

It is true, however, that much of the Iraqi ability to slow down the coalition forces lies - apart from the sandstorms and the Somme-like conditions - in hiding tanks and missile batteries in civilian areas. It is due to the fact they fire artillery from the vicinity of hospitals and schools. It is because they dress soldiers in civilian clothes, pretend to surrender and then open fire on their would-be captors.

But then we should have expected this. We have, after all, constantly been told that Saddam Hussein heads a brutal regime.

We know that a dictator who will blithely gas his own people will have no scruples about not abiding by the ethics of warfare.

*It is also the behaviour, as some analysts have pointed out, that we have come to expect from Arabs.*

*They speak in very violent terms, they strike macho postures, like those demonstrating on the streets of Jordan calling for the creation of an Arab army, and "death to all Americans", but who never dream of actually stepping across the narrow border to fight to help their Arab comrades. Indeed, Al-Jazeera TV made the point itself when it responded to complaints about showing dead coalition soldiers by saying that Arabs are less sensitive to atrocities.*

*Moreover, we see how they behave every day in Palestine and Israel. We know that their gunmen hide in churches, cower with their Kalashnikovs behind the skirts of women, and send children on suicide missions while blowing up Israeli children.*

These tactics are restricting and inhibiting our troops. So also is our understandable reluctance to endanger civilians or to damage property - especially knowing that it will be gleefully seized upon by part of the anti-war British and Western press and TV.

It is an admirable, an ethical attitude. It is one that makes us proud of our armed forces but there are limits. How much longer are we prepared to risk our soldiers' lives because the Iraqis are cowards?

*After all, the Iraqis seem less concerned about the welfare of their citizens than we are.*

### **Sunday Express, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2002**

In the mosques from Bradford to Bahrain, they boast that they wish to kill "the infidels".

**Sunday Express, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2002**

The Arab countries are, of course, opposed to a war with Iraq. So what? *Why should the Americans listen to undemocratic womenhaters and Christian-bashers?*

None of them like the United States. They are all jealous of its wealth and resentful of its military might. *And when did an Arab nation do anything of benefit for the world, except buy luxury goods from the West?*

**Daily Express, 16<sup>th</sup> January 1995**

The Iraqis are publicly cutting off the ears and hands and branding the foreheads of thieves and army deserters. They claim that this barbarity is sanctioned by the Koran. *Moslems everywhere behave with equal savagery. They behead criminals, stone to death female – only female – adulterers, throw acid in the faces of women who refuse to wear the chadar, mutilate the genitals of young girls and ritually abuse animals.*

Nor are non-Moslems immune to their depravity. They conspired to kill the Pope, placed a death sentence on Salman Rushdie for writing things they did not like, murdered several of his supporters, threatened the life of a Moslem author who said, rightly, Islam treats women as second-class citizens, and indiscriminately murdered Western holiday-makers in Algeria, Egypt and elsewhere – just because they were Westerners.

No matter. We have to treat them and their religion with respect. Of course we must. That is what the new dogma of political correctness demands of us. We are in peril if we do not.

We must teach their religion and culture in our schools to the detriment of our own and respect their values in our society and acknowledge that Islam is as good as – or at least equal to – Western Christian values.

They must be joking.