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These aren't even the tough decisions. And yet, every day, we send another ten thousand troops overseas, while twenty thousand die from various cancers and HIV/AIDS. Thousands of young, single men and women are paid well to support the cause of liberating a country from its oppressor, and dying in the process, while middle-aged women ^{and their} struggle to feed their families because they can't find honest labor.

What American is more worried about the interests of the Iraqi or Afghan people than his own? Hopefully, none. But here we are, continuing a war that is certain to last well over a decade if we don't return home soon. I want to say that all of America is screaming in protest, but, unfortunately, it's not. A select few of us see the injustice and actually try to act against it. The rest of America seems to be content with just "letting things be." Is it complacency? I don't think so. I refuse to believe that the average American would see corruption and injustice and not cry out against it. I won't believe it, because I have always believed that that quality was distinctly American. So what is it?

Well, every American citizen is taught that ours is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And it's true. ~~The~~ The pure system of American democracy is a beautiful thing. So, ~~come~~ ^{come} election day, few Americans pay much attention after their ballot is cast. Few Americans check and see if their elected officials are voting according to the will of the people. And when laws are passed and actions are taken that go against the wishes of the public, even fewer Americans know that a great injustice has been done.

Wake up America! You are not being ~~properly~~ properly represented! You need to ~~open~~ open your eyes, wake up and smell the coffee,