

Questions for the Blog – 1st Annual Genocide Awareness Lecture

Armenian Genocide and Turkey

Turkey is poised to invade Iraq. What should the U.S. do now?

What is prompting the congressional vote regarding condemnation of the Armenian genocide in Turkey? Why is this vote important now? Do you think the vote should take place, risking alienating the Turkish government?

Will Turkey be held accountable for the Armenian genocide under any circumstances?

Would you please comment on the failed or about-to-fail resolution on declaring a Turkish genocide against the Armenians.

What do you think of Turkey's refusal to acknowledge the Armenian genocide?

What do you think might be the motive behind yesterday's Turkish invasion of Iraq?

Please comment on the Armenian Genocide.

General questions about genocide

Where was the expression "ethnic cleansing" coined? Why is it still used? Wouldn't "mass murder" be more accurate?

I few years ago I read an article in *The Atlantic Monthly* about mathematical models used to measure population and resources which appear to predict genocides. How has this effort developed and what is your opinion of it?

Do you recognize a common denominator that serves to trigger genocide?

Genocide seems to pit peoples against peoples. Is antagonism between peoples a fundamental and necessary aspect of genocide? Or, can it involve mutually indifferent peoples led to enmity by zealous, manipulative leaders?

What is the dividing line between killing of civilians for political reasons and genocide?

How can we implement peacekeeping measures to a high degree of success without having it turn into another Mogadishu (Somalia 1972)?

Could you please discuss refugee assistance and resettlement? What are the best and worst ways to assist refugees?

Genocide in Darfur, Sudan

In Sudan, it appears that the U.S. is working with the Sudanese Government in the “war on terror” and turning a blind eye to the genocidal actions in Darfur. Can you comment on this?

After the genocide in Rwanda, the U.S. said “never again”, why then is nothing being done for Darfur and how can we put an end to the genocide in Darfur?

What similarities does the Darfur genocide share with those in Iraq, Bosnia and East Timor?

What is your involvement in the “prevention” and action on the genocide in Darfur, Sudan?

What more can be done to get action to end the genocide in Darfur? Is the situation in eastern Congo genocide? How is non-proliferation going?

The War in Iraq

Will genocide happen in Iraq if the U.S. were to leave?

What role should Iran play in stabilizing and rebuilding Iraq?

Is Iran an immediate threat to the Middle East (especially Israel)?

Why do we hear so little from official Washington and the media about the partitioning of Iraq as a possible solution to crisis in Iraq?

Senator Biden has recommended partitioning Iraq, using Bosnia as an example. Do you feel such a proposal has merit or a likelihood of success?

Some people have argued that if the United States pulls out of Iraq there will be another genocide. Do you think this is true, and if so, is there any way to prevent it from happening?

Does the end of Iraq – along with the chaos in Israel and Lebanon (and Syria) – take us back to 1921, to the need to revisit the Treaty of Sevres? Is it time for a larger reorganization of the Middle East?

I have heard it alleged that the plan to use gas at Halabja was presented to the U.S. embassy in Iraq and, if not actually okayed, was not prevented. Do you have any reason to believe this is true? If so, what might this say about the U.S. Role toward Kurds? Does the U.S. have an obligation to the Kurds?

Questions about U.S. Policy

Do you believe that the phrase: “In the interest of U.S. National Security” is in truth translated to “in the interest of perpetuating the economic and military hegemony of the world”?

Does the USA retain enough international legitimacy to have an impact in Darfur and other bad situations?

You have recounted incidents which reflect badly on U.S. Foreign policy and support for human rights in Iraq and Indonesia. How do you explain the relative ignorance of the U.S. Citizenry of the abhorrent actions of our government?

Do you think reforming the bureaucratic structure of the U.N. would help? For example, do you think the permanent five should be dismantled? Should the U.N. have a standing?

Could you expand on the role that Paul Wolfowich played in early Reagan and Bush I Whitehouses, and the Bush II Whitehouse?

What diplomatic steps must or should

Questions to the Speaker

Have you seen any evidence hopeful for humans’ growing beyond killing each other – respecting instead?

Was there ever a place in your assignments where you could have used your position to do more but did not? If so, what did you learn from that experience?

Are you related to the other Ambassador Galbraith? Ambassador to India under the Kennedy Administration

What is your interest in running for the Governor of Vermont?