	Bush Doctrine And the War on Terror	

Bush Doctrine was first formulated by Bush in a speech at West Point in 2002. It has four central tenets:

1) Pre-emptive strikes

2) Focus on terror networks, not nation-states

3) Holding host nations accountable

4) Promoting democracy and human rights as a way to fight terror

Criticisms:

There are a variety of criticisms of it, that have been offered on different levels:

A. Excuse for imperialism (specifically, control over oil)

B. Provoking more terror in response than it is eliminating

C. The nations supporting terror have never been democratic and won't become such before many violent years have elapsed

D. WMDs not found

E. Unilateralism (instead of by coalition) alienates potential allies in the WOT

F. The war on terror (Afghanistan as well as Iraq) has already cost us a trillion dollars (not including future interest payments and expenses such as benefits for wounded soldiers)