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### **Who Are The Real Threats To Your Security?**

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At best the pamphlet merely rehashes information to be found in any decent Health and Safety guide.

At worst it scares people unnecessarily about the threat of terrorism - as if the government wants to create an atmosphere of general fear, suspicion, and insecurity.

What the guide does not tell readers is that the British government has put the lives of British Citizens in more danger because of its disastrous, dishonest and illegal participation in the attack on Iraq and the wider-scale so-called 'war on terror'.

The invasion and occupation of Iraq, which has wasted tens of thousands of human lives, and cost billions of pounds of tax-payers' money, served the interests of few people except the bosses of American private corporations.

This violent policy involved the abandonment of legal restraint and led to the deliberate murders and tortures that all have witnessed on their television screens.

It opened up a can of worms, and the world now seems a much more dangerous place.

Whereas there were previously small numbers of people associated with the al Qaeda terror network that carried out the 9/11 attacks on America, there are now more people feeding on grievances and prepared to take desperate courses of actions.

But it is not only these still relatively small numbers of violent marginal extremists who endanger British People.

A primary responsibility of any government is to protect its own people. The British government has failed in this duty because of its criminal involvement in the attack on Iraq.

Early in 2003, the government was widely warned of the likely consequences of an attack on Iraq - including an increased threat of terrorist attacks on Britain - and urged not to go along with the American plan.

The government - including one of its prominent members South Shields MP David Miliband - dismissed the arguments against its approach, and responded with a stream of false claims about such matters as 'weapons of mass destruction'.

They have since failed to own up to their many errors of fact, judgement and policy.

The anti-war movement believes a fresh approach to the terror problem is needed, based on real justice and the rule of law applied equally to everyone - and on an understanding that you do not defeat 'terrorism' by behaving like terrorists yourselves.



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