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## A Younger, Wiser Generation

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If the Drudge Report is your home page, as it is mine, then you might feel disheartened at the foolish remarks reportedly made by our congressional leaders. Their naïveté is matched by some European heads of state who seem to be more concerned with the plight of polar bears than the latest atrocities committed by radical elements around the world. Nevertheless, I am buoyed by today's young adult generation, which might just rescue the world from the baby boomers' leftist ideology.

Last Thursday I went to an eye-opening event given by Fuel For Truth at the club Arena on West 41st. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but I was surprised at the turnout of 500 young attractive adults, who had been told they would hear the truth about Israel, Radical Islam, and the reality of what is happening in the Middle East. They came to hear the music, drink, and be merry, and when it was time to listen, they did.

Two large video screens bore messages of the theme of the evening: "Behind Enemy Lines." An hour and a half into the festivities, the music was shut off

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and the presentation began. The first speaker was Sergeant First Class Terry Schappert, U.S. Special Forces, who explained that we here in New York are the ones behind enemy lines. "Our enemies are fighting an information war with us . . . , a war to convince us that we are the cause of terrorism," he said. He then showed slides on the screen with outrageous quotes by professors and lecturers at our hallowed institutes of learning.

A visiting lecturer from Oxford, Tom Paulin, spoke at Harvard University and said, "Jewish people living in Judea/Samaria should be shot dead. They are Nazis, racists. I feel nothing for them but hatred." Mr. Paulin also spent one semester at Columbia University as a guest professor. Other quotes of similar anti-Semitic import were displayed from professors at DePaul University, and more from Harvard and Columbia.

Sergeant Schappert pointed out the terror cells operating in America and he zoomed in on New York City terror groups, "Al Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah, Jemmat Islamiyah, Hamas ... looks like New York is a popular place. Why aren't people marching in the streets against this? Why isn't our media explaining what is happening in our country? Why aren't people more aware about this?"

Fuel For Truth believes the biggest problem today is the lack of basic factual information reaching the entire American public. Most importantly they target the demographic of 18- to 34-year-olds at clubs and college campuses. Thus far they've hosted more than 60,000 young people who've gone on to volunteer and recruit others.

Another speaker was Fuel For Truth's CEO, Joe Richards, who lost a good friend in the attacks of September 11, 2001. He said, "We go to colleges to dispel the misinformation being fed to college students. We take our most social and well-trained alumni advocates and send them back to their universities to recruit and to teach people basic facts. We go to colleges because foreign countries are buying the minds of our best students."

It was inspiring to watch these young club-goers listening carefully to the speeches and signing up for more information. I've posted their photos and more information on the evening at nysun.com.

Then there are the clever founders of protestwarrior.com, Kfir Alfia and Alan Lipton. I learned of their risky antics infiltrating antiwar demonstrations in 2004 at the Republican convention in New York. They carried signs that read, "War never solved anything — except for ending slavery, fascism, Nazism and communism" and "War is not the answer — unless you're a socialist guerilla." These stalwart souls have now released the hilarious "A Field Guide to Left-Wing Wackos." Read it and laugh while identifying the 18 major species of liberal protesters; e.g. the anarchists wear masks.

It's always tragic to view images of very young Muslim children holding weapons and shouting hatred for Israel and enemies of Islam, but teaching the young to hate is nothing new. Pope John Paul II had been a young man in Nazi-occupied Poland where the youth were raised on words of hate. The pope wanted our young to grow up hearing words of hope and love so he initiated the Youth 2000 movement. An aura of peace is felt at all these international pilgrimages every year when millions of youth from all over the world gather together to pray.

It's hard to be disheartened by current events when witnessing the possible future in the hands of this younger and wiser generation, which may turn out to be the best of all.

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