

## Why Bush Should Invade Russia.

In October of 2001 American and British forces launched their attack on Afghanistan in a response to the tragedy that took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Their goal was to capture Osama Bin Laden, those who worked with him and to stamp out terrorism. In March two years later the same allies invaded Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from his throne of dictatorship and to ensure that his "Weapons of Mass Destruction" would never be used against them or any other Western countries. Of course as it turned out there were no WMDs in Iraq, and as the fighting continues with the death list amongst both Iraqi civilians and British and American soldiers getting longer, the US have still do come up with any evidence to justify their actions.

Russia has Weapons of Mass Destruction. The man in charge of Russia is a terrorist. At least according to some of his own countrymen, who left Russia to escape him. Not to mention the war against Chechnya. Now following the logics of the Bush administration, Putin and his government pose a threat to the West. Not in years have we been this close to returning to the standstill and the psychological battle that followed World War Two and lasted for over forty years. The Cold War is a distant memory from a history book at school to those of us too young to have experienced it, to those who are older the memories of a frightening time when the war was at its worst still lingers. So what are you going to do about this Bush? Russia has their weapons, and as American governments have thought so many times in the past, they're certainly capable of terrorism. Are you going to invade the country of Russia, a country that could actually fight back, or will you sit back and hope the disagreements that are between England and Russia will stay in Europe, and therefore be of no concern to you.

If we go by history, the United States will not take any interest in the situation that at the moment concerns England and Russia. After all, the self proclaimed saviours of their allies during WWII, did not even join the allies until after Japan attacked them with the bombing of Pearl Harbour. Nor have America ever fought against a country that matched their size and weapon capability, and that is something Russia without a doubt could match, if not better. So what happens if something comes of the tensions that are spreading in Europe? If this turns out to be more than an over-exaggerated media circus, and England and Russia develop tensions beyond disagreements over diplomats and people under political asylum. If the worst happens, and those of us living in England wake up to hear the sirens that had been disabled since 1992, ringing once again to warn us that a nuclear attack is imminent, will America try and save us? Or if they're too late, will they avenge our deaths?

Of course the likeliness of there being a nuclear war in the near future is small, but I have to admit I do not feel convinced that if something terrible should happen, and peace in Europe breaks once again after a century that has included World Wars, the Cold War, Balkan Wars and terrorism, I can see America forgetting their old allies in Europe. After all, American governments have a tendency of not learning from history, and would probably not realise that if war breaks out in Europe it would spread to the rest of the western world too, as well as Asia and Africa. So surely this, at the moment, extremely unlikely possibility of a war including nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction should be enough to set off those little thinkers in the American government. Surely with their now superior intelligence bureaus and its spies should have a full overview on the weapons possessed by the Russian government and the dangers that come with the man who is in control of them.

Of course there are many maybes and ifs involved, but that's something the American government have acted on several times in the past. Whether it's been about revenge, oil and money or about straightening out a dictator they educated and provided with weapons in the past who no longer fits in with their political furnishing, the Americans have rarely given good reasons for the wars they have been involved in. Only, that they do what they do to protect "Freedom" or "The American Dream". In accordance with what seems to be America's reasoning for war, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and a fight for freedom, Russia doesn't actually differ that

much from their standard enemy. And just between you and me, George, they even got a tiny bit of oil.