Ideology can blind

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many US troops had been engaged for years. Certainly any government with full US military support (including troops, which they couldn't raise too well themselves) will be in power, but it wasn't long after our withdrawal that our regime fell to pieces. Such an effort on our part could fail only if there were massive support for the revolutionaries and minimal support for the government. This, as opposed to the military style, is what I mean by a popular revolution. In addition, note the ideological use of language. We have a Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and may soon have a Soviet invasion of Poland. Yet rarely does one hear of the American invasion of Vietnam, which is exactly what it was.

A final way in which ideology functions is by erecting blinders in certain directions. Sometimes there's no need to lie because the question isn't even asked. Mr. Hu is quite correct in that the US becoming militarily weak would not itself bring peace, which is partly why I don't recommend that course of action. What I do recommend is for militarists to work within their own ideology and ask the converse questions. How would they respond to a Soviet citizen who claimed that they had to keep their military up lest the US take advantage of their weakness? Realize that Stalin used the credible American threat to justify all sorts of unrelated horrors, and then ask yourselves where our side may be doing the same thing. For people who are already politically mature, I recommend experiencing my ideological framework and grappling with my questions. I find the notion of US-Soviet competition to be mostly a propaganda smokescreen used in both countries to cover the major international dynamic, popular liberation movements in both spheres. (The areas of greatest violence today are Afghanistan and El Salvador. Afghanistan is not CIA-sponsored, regardless of Egypt's and our offers of support, and El Salvador is not Communist subversion, regardless of whatever arms they may get from Cuba.) America and Russia, and consequently most everywhere else, are being run by institutions which have gained a life of their own. What I want to know is how we, the members of the human race, can regain control over a world gone mad.

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