

number of profoundly significant - and worrying - strategic positions that have been **adopted as official doctrine** by the US military. In its preamble, it predicts ... **"perpetual warfare".**

Relatively new, "emerging" features are also included in the document's rationale for future threats....[from Russia and China] as we **compete globally for depleting natural resources and overseas markets.**"

..... The explicit reference in this context to future resource wars.... will probably raise eyebrows among the international diplomatic community, who prefer to couch such conflicts as human rights-based or rooted in notions around freedom and democracy.

The document, however, contains no such lofty pretences [as human rights, freedom and democracy for going to war]. It goes on to list as a pre-eminent threat to the security of the US and its allies "population growth - especially in less-developed countries - [which] will expose a resulting 'youth bulge'."

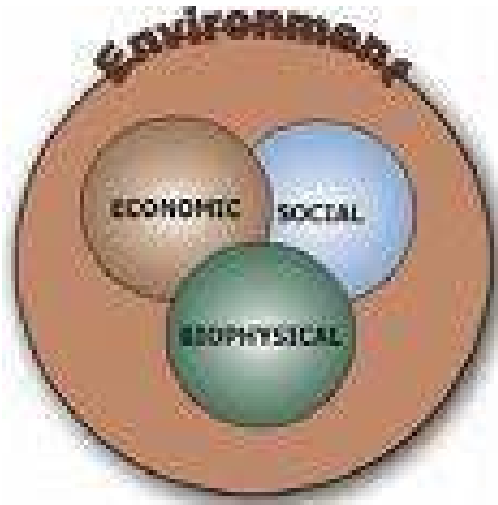
This youth bulge [**which really means young poor persons**], the document goes on to state, will present the US with further "resource competition" in that these expanding populations [of those who are poor] in the developing world "will consume ever increasing amounts of food, water and energy".

[Unmentioned, of course, is the disproportionate and increasing amount of food, water and energy consumed by

the U.S., especially its military.]

The document goes on to describe in broad-strokes the manner in which its downsized military might ensure survival of the fittest for the US and its allies in future resource wars for water, food and energy.

As a consequence of identifying growing populations [of the poor] in the developed world as a threat in itself, the strategy document highlights a number of paradigm shifts in the way future wars are to be conducted.



Support Sustainable Development

It predicts that "21st Century operations will require soldiers to engage among populations and diverse cultures instead of avoiding them".

The document reveals that new US tactical doctrine provides a template by which air, naval and field commanders will no longer

just secure traditional strategic targets such as airspace, seaports and bridgeheads, but will, of necessity, also **deploy and fight amongst and against the target population itself [poor civilian youth] to win wars.**

According to the strategy document, by supplementing relatively small forces of US troops - brigade combat teams - with ever-larger fleets of remotely controlled, unmanned weapons systems, America will be able to successfully deploy its downsized military to maximum effect **among the emerging international youth bulge.**

The document refers to operations in Iraq in the past tense. It implies that operations in Afghanistan may be expanded.

It states explicitly that the US military is preparing to fight continuous resource wars "for the long haul".

The document also describes explicitly the manner in which the earth's orbit is now deemed a legitimate zone for offensive military activity. This extraordinary document describes US strategic doctrine in terms worthy of 20th century science fiction.

The mix of 20th century science fiction and Orwellian perspectives unwittingly contained in the document appear rapidly to be materializing as fact.

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ACTIONS

This madness -- unending competition for resources -- is a dead end for the earth community. We must learn to live together in a sustainable manner. Consider the following actions:

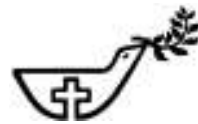


1. Commit yourself to oppose these “resource wars” against the poor of other countries. Rather, promote sustainable development. You may begin by reducing your consumption, reusing / repairing what you already have, and recycling everything else. Live simply so others may simply live.
2. Encourage the next president and your elected representatives to sign and ratify the U.N. Space Preservation Treaty to ban all space-based weapons. See http://www.peaceinspace.com/sp_treaty.shtml

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U.S. plans war on the poor over food, water & energy

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There is only one world for us to share

The US military sees the next 30 to 40 years as involving a state of continuous war..... against ideologically-motivated terrorists and competing with Russia and China for natural resources.....

[T]he ... document entitled 2008 Army Modernization Strategyreveals a