The Special Issue of the PEACE REVIEW on the PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF WAR contains articles including:

MEMORIALIZATION AND THE SELLING OF WAR, Deborah D. Buffton, Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. "War is so closely connected with the identity of nations that participation in war is a necessary action to show one's devotion to the country; a society cannot consider itself 'alive' if its citizens are not willing to die for it. Fighting and dying for one's country become the means through which a society is 'resurrected'."

HUMILIATION AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, Paul Saurette, Assistant Professor School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa, Canada. "Once we understand 9/11 as fundamentally humiliating and not just threatening the United States-we can make better sense of the elements of the global war on terror. A legal approach would never have been accepted, even if international laws were reliable and effective enough to pursue al-Qaeda. Why? Although courts promise to provide justice, they rarely explicitly deliver vengeance and counter-humiliation."

DOMINANCE AND SUBMISSION IN POSTMODERN WAR IMAGERY, Myra Mendible, Associate Professor of American Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. "Humiliation is one of the techniques through which institutions and nations construct docile and disciplined bodies. The rigorous and often painful physical trials, the drill sergeant hollering insults, separate those worthy of the warrior's honor from the ones that carry "the virus of weakness." In forging a marine corps-a military body defined by strength and hardness, the soldier extirpates any trace of the feminine. Discipline begins with self-abnegation; absolute surrender to the authority of the stern father figure who punishes and rewards."

SACRIFICE, TRANSCENDENCE AND THE SOLDIER, Babak Rahimi, Assistant Professor of Iranian and Islamic Studies at the University of California at San Diego. "The soldier's experience in believing that he is dying for something greater than himself, for something that will outlast his individual, perishable life in place of a greater, eternal vitality (embodied in the national or a religious identity) is crucial for the ideological justification of war."

GROUP PSYCHOLOGY, SACRIFICE AND WAR, Norman Steinhart, M.D., Research Fellow at the McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology at the University of Toronto, Canada

WAR AND THE RELIGIOUS WILL TO SACRIFICE, Patrick Porter, Tutor in Modern History at the University of Oxford

THE MYTHOLOGY OF WAR, Dr. Andrew Robinson, Political theorist, University of Nottingham

THE MANIC ECSTASY OF WAR, Wendy C. Hamblet, Professor of Philosophy, Adelphi University, New York

GUILT AND SACRIFICE IN U.S. WARFARE, Carl Mirra, American Studies at SUNY College, Old Westbury

MALE GENDER INSTABILITY AND WAR, Jeannette Marie Mageo, Professor of Anthropology, Washington State University

COMBAT MOTIVATION, Johan M.G. van der Dennen, senior researcher on war and peace at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands

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