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**There is a spirit to study.....**

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يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا  
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“Believers, make room in your sitting places when it is asked of you, and Allah will make room for you. When you are asked to move, so move, and Allah will raise up in ranks those who believed among you and those who have been given knowledge. Allah is Aware of what you do. “

(AL MUJAADILAH :11)

**Then, what people saying about war.....**

“There's no honorable way to kill, no gentle way to destroy. There is nothing good in war. Except its ending.”

Abraham Lincoln

“You can build a throne with bayonets, but you can't sit on it for long.”

Boris Yeltsin

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it... always."

Mahatma Gandhi

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The existence of the United States as a superpower country is viewed as the center of global activity in international community. Thus, it is interesting to analyze the United States military action against Iraq in 2003 that surprising the world. It can be seen as the return of Realist theory in the situation in which the international relations have found the pattern and order. The United States foreign policy that seems to be more aggressive is argued as diplomacy of American version which gets pro and contra.

Therefore, I hope this thesis can be the one of a reference to analyze the dynamics of international relations and the world affairs. I would like to apologize if there are many mistakes in the process of completing this thesis. Thank you.

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## **ABSTRACT**

By the end of the Cold War, states have dilemma of war that caused the destructive impacts such as decreasing economy, environmental damages and also civilian victims. Then, the decision-makers try to leave the military power to solve international conflicts and propose the peace settlement dispute then so called soft diplomacy. Soft diplomacy shapes the trend in the modern era that supported by the roles of United Nations (UN). But in 2003, the United States launched military action against Iraq as the instrument of coercive diplomacy which surprised the international community. Why it can be happened?

The writer tries to explain this phenomenon by implementing the concept of coercive diplomacy and Realist Theory which used qualitative research method.

Finally, the writer found that Iraq has been accused as terrorism sponsoring state that have link with Al Qaeda and WMD possession which threat the United States national security post 9/11 attack. The coercive diplomacy is regarded as the effective instrument to struggle for power in order to realize the United States global leadership especially in the Middle East.

Key words: National security, Terrorism sponsoring state, Realist

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