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missiles fall on military bases. The Humvees are blown up. There are increasing numbers of suicides among these young Americans. Are they fighting for freedom? Absolutely not. Bush said peace has broken out in the world, and Americans accept it. There is a requirement that the media not be allowed to cover the return of these coffins bearing the corpses of these young American men and women, because Bush does not want the public to see the actual toll that is being paid. These young people have families. When a family member dies, it's total war. What difference does it make if he or she was killed by a roadside explosive or a weapon of mass destruction? They are dying every day, and more will die before this session ends. And there are more people, Senator Friend, who would go along and say, America, my country, may she always be right, but my country right or wrong. And that is what Bush and his ilk count on. Let the young white people go over there and die. They have something in this country. Don't send the young black people. There is still racism and discrimination. Young black kids going to the whitest school in the Omaha area have to be insulted and ridiculed by 2 young white people who thought they were clever by recommending a South African kid who's white for the African-American award that Westside High School gives out, insulting these few black students, fewer than 3 percent among over 1,000 white students. A white person couldn't even survive in a sea of black people like that, but they wouldn't be mistreated, and if they were, there are black people who would come to their aid. I used to take up for white kids at Lothrop School when they were jumped on and ganged by other white kids. Lothrop was a white school when I went there, and that mobbing instinct is there. So here's a white kid who comes from South Africa and he has more rights when he comes here, Senator Aguilar, than black people who have been here all their lives; black people whose children, whose brothers, whose uncles, whose fathers, whose grandfathers have fought in the wars of this country. Then they're ridiculed on the one day that is supposed to have significance, and a white kid from South Africa is held up as an African-American.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Words and terms have histories, and the term