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Dear Mr. Brian Lamb:

I have been watching C-SPAN as well as any other news shows I can find since the "Crisis in the Gulf" began.

The reason because my husband will be leaving shortly for Saudia Arabia. He is a Staff SGT. in the Army.

I was very hurt to hear your comment today about what may or may not happen, as far as the military is concerned.

You stated "Why should we care about what the soldiers think. It doesn't matter what they think".

First of all, I would like to say that these soldiers are human beings, they are not just numbers. They may be expendible to the military but they cannot be replaced by thier families. If they are killed in combat, they can easily be replaced. There is

however no one to take the place of our husbands. There is no other to replace our Childrens fathers.

Second, I do agree Mr. Lamb that these soldiers are all soldiers who chose to join the military. They did agree to fight and protect thier Country. America. However if my husband were Killed in a war in the Gulf I do not feel that I could say.

"He died for his Country". What could I say? "He died for oil prices", "He died to restore Kuwait's Gort.", "He died protecting Saudia Arabia".

I only ask that these Soldiers be thought of as human beings just like everyone else and not just another fighting machine.

Thank You

