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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

Daniel Simpson is certainly on target in criticizing the reckless and counter productive US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But his position of blaming the US for all of today's refugees seems to me to be somewhat exaggerated and unfair.

With regard to Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria he writes "US bombing . . . has been directly Instrumental in destroying their economies and societies . . . "

The civil war in Syria began in 2011. Air strikes there by the US and other nations began in September 2014, long after the refugee problem began. The Libyan economy and society were unstable before any US military involvement.

Sincerely,

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Henry Clifford graduated from University of Pennsylvania then served in Korea with the Marine Corps. He has had a business career largely in investment banking and held elected and appointed positions in local government. He is the Co-founder and Chairman of the Committee for Peace in Israel and Palestine, Editor of the local monthly publication, Meadowwords, and board member of Connecticut World Affairs Council. He has two children, seven grandchildren, and resides in Essex CT.