

Of that part of the war I am extremely proud, and I think Canada was extremely well-served. I think it is of landmark importance that it has become socially and politically acceptable for our teenage children to watch a war debated between Arab, African and European leaders and analysts. This is unprecedented in the history of journalism and of war. Just think of the scale of change that represents from the Korean War and the Pacific War. The Gulf War represents the defeat of the "live at any cost" school of journalism, the defeat of the local live-eye fever born out of the frenzy of local eye witness newsrooms and applied to a global theatre. I'll happily be a pall bearer at that funeral. But in the faces and the debates I saw and the scenes on the screens from Baghdad, Amman, Jerusalem and Moscow, I think we saw the glimmer of a pluralism, a willingness to hear a different view, a premise that it is not treasonous to debate an action or a policy. And in that pluralism, in that defeat of distance rather than time, I think we saw in the Gulf War the first vindication of the early promise of the satellite age.