

toward a boost phase defense – hitting incoming missiles on their way up. This "global" defence –because it targets all missiles regardless of their destination- could help all, but it remains an engineering nightmare. Theatre missile defense, for situations like the Gulf War where SCUD missiles were used, is another option.

- Despite their misgivings, the Democrats will not oppose NMD because to speak against "defending America" would be committing electoral suicide.

#### IV. On the UN, Kyoto and peacekeeping

- The Republicans are generally hostile towards the UN. However, the Bush administration does not pay much attention to the UN, which is not necessarily a bad thing.
- Kyoto is seen as flawed because,
  1. even if it had been enacted, it would have been inefficient.
  2. Targets are largely unspecified and pushed well into the future making them impossible to measure and reach.
  3. It had no mechanism for bringing developing countries into the treaty.
  4. The two most populous countries in the world, India and China, do not agree with "sanctimonious European opinion" on Kyoto. The Europeans themselves are not making any more progress on emissions.
- A multifaceted strategy is needed. Canada should,
  1. Admit that Kyoto is flawed and its goals unattainable. For example, Russia is already well below its targets.
  2. Propose an alternative to Kyoto – call Bush's bluff. Is Bush willing to act if challenged on his promises to find alternatives to the Protocol?
  3. Proceed with national and regional plans and challenge the US to reach them also.
  4. Focus on reducing nitrous oxide or methane instead of CO2.
  5. Develop alternate strategies like Bianca Jagger's boycott of multinationals.
  6. Cultivate transnational bonds between outraged civil society groups.
- In American politics an unspoken rule is to always concede on principle (i.e., admit that global warming is a problem) in order to remove 'theological' differences between competing positions. While the problem of global warming appears important in the polls, when you dig deeper the mood changes. When Americans are asked how much money they are willing to spend to reduce emissions and global warming public opinion appears to change dramatically. Bush has somewhat undercut the issue of global warming by stating publicly that he wishes to find a solution that will not put Americans out of work.
- It is unlikely that the Administration will commit more to peacekeeping –especially in Africa or Asia - but it will increase operation tempos. The US has a large 'tail to tooth'