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Should we not justify to the American people the need for intervention based on some realistic, identified and tangible national interest? I should think so.

However, when a defective strategy results in a multi-year deployment, billions of dollars in cost to the American taxpayer and the risk in lives of every American soldier over there, it is time for us to say no. It is time that our foreign policy marches to a new cadence, one that protects our vital national interests and the lives of our hard-working, dedicated men and women in our nation's military.

On behalf of our Nation's interests and the lives of our service men and women, I yield back this dangerous foreign policy and the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the only thing we have to protect us is a relic of the Cold War, an ABM treaty with a country that no longer even exists.

Do my colleagues think the leaders of Iraq and North Korea and Iran and Communist China are impressed with our ABM treaty? I do not think so.

Mr. Speaker, the administration's timid, weak and uncertain steps to begin building a national defense system are not enough. They are too little, and I am afraid they are going to be too late.

I urge the Congress to take the lead on this vital issue, Mr. Speaker, and as my liberal colleagues so often love to say:

Let us do it for the children.

Mr. Speaker, the administration has already said that its strategy for deployment of U.S. troops to police Kosovo, and they are:

No exit strategy.

Can we honestly ask the men and women of our Armed Services to stand up and once again become the world's police of foreign policy decisions?