

Strawfare
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Strawfare; what would that be like? Wars with straws, I mean. Did I come across as random, just then? Well, let me explain myself. There are millions of people who want to ban nuclear weapons, but would they want to stop there, once they achieved their goals? Probably not. So, as time goes on, surely more and more weapons will be banned... Until we're left with just straws for fighting with. Makes sense, doesn't it? So what will the straw wars be like, and how long will they last before even those small tubes are outlawed?

I'm no expert on the military, but I believe there has been no point in history, where there have been less deadly armaments than the ones I've been talking about. Only an idiot would choose a weedy bit of plastic over your everyday rock or log. Does this mean that ultra modern man wouldn't have a chance against a caveman? No. Because the future invisibility cloaks, super-armour and new fighting methods will be very sophisticated. However, they will be based on annoyance tactics, rather than lethal ones. For example, someone out of nowhere could get gently blown on the neck, as the aggressor disappears without a trace.

But what if the victim got irked during delicate work, such as building a ship in a bottle? What if he consequently had an arm spasm that ruined all of his efforts? Surely then, irritating strawfare would have gone too far. What happens when even that gets banned? What kind of arms are less than annoying, and if there are any, what are their purposes? I have been pondering this for a while, now, and have come up with no answers. Perhaps things would go the complete opposite way. For example, instead of being annoying, new age warriors could try out being helpful. They could 'attack' others with gifts. Sounds crazy, right? But... surely they would expect rewards in doing so. Only the rudest brute would be given a hand, and not return the favour. Imagine invading Iraq with computer consoles, and getting thank you notes and parachuted oil barrel retaliations. It might happen.

I for one want to see this idyllic era, which is why I always sign any kind of petition that calls for an end to violence or the threat of violence. Sadly however, I'm sure we're many, many years away from the appeal titled 'End Strawfare'. We're so far away in fact, that even saying the heading will most likely end with you getting laughed at. That is unless, you keep saying the phrase over and over, and you get everyone you know saying it. Maybe then people will be open to the idea, and save the planet from destruction. However, you must be aware of propaganda lies, such as 'straws are harmless', or 'you're wasting your time with your protests, you mentally ill weirdo'. Ignore them. There is a lot of money in the straw trade, and obviously the manufacturers want you to keep quiet. To sum up; fight the power!