reports of intellectual conversations on the front lawn. When it came time for the Tillman boys to become outward warriors, they were already balanced and trained inward warriors. This development seems to have been missing in many who were involved in the case of Pat's death. Once again, a real-world example stands as good evidence for the ideas of Robert Bly, this time in regards to his thoughts on soldiers versus warriors.

Robert Bly's concerns about men and his ideas pertaining to exactly what has been going on seem to be legitimate. Dr. Money is an example of a man who was never really initiated into manhood, and as a result became a flyer who never learned to shudder. Pat and Kevin Tillman are examples of warriors in modern culture who developed as men prior to becoming warriors, but true to Bly, true warriors appear to be in short supply. My conclusion is that Bly is correct in saying that men need to break from women and be mentored by older men. I agree with him when he says that being in touch with their feminine side is not necessarily a bad thing for men, but that the journey should not stop there. Society could benefit from men who could deal with their wounds rather than becoming arrogant flyers or helpless victims, as well as from more warriors.

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Obama's Foreign Policy in Perspective

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On December 10th, 2009, President Barack Obama accepted the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize in a ceremony in Oslo, Norway. In a 39-minute acceptance speech, Obama discussed his views and concerns about contemporary threats to global security, the nature of human conflict, and the proper use of military force. Coming just one week after the President ordered a controversial escalation of American military operations in Afghanistan, Obama himself noted that "perhaps the most profound issue surrounding my receipt of this prize is the fact that I am the Commander-in-Chief of the military of a nation in the midst of two wars." Indeed, the combination of America's military might and its increasing willingness to use offensive force in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11th has been among the world's most controversial security issues.

Over its 200-plus year history, The United States of America has evolved from a weak confederation of jealously independent states into a global giant with unprecedented economic and military power. As America's level of power and influence has grown, political thinkers have attempted to analyze, explain, critique, and rationalize these changes and how they have influenced the American political system and greater American society. Furthermore, as the focus of American's national security has moved from the frontier conflicts to potential European meddling on its borders and eventually on to Cold War and global terrorism, American political theorists have confronted new issues that have often accompanied new eras. Though prevailing views of American national defense and foreign policy have changed over the years, there are many common themes that are found in the ideas of those exploring security issues. Debates about the nature, extent, and degree of American national defense and foreign policy are often linked to broader discussions about the nature of freedom, liberty, morality and other issues.

Many of the Founding Fathers had ideas about national security and foreign policy that greatly influenced their views on the structure of American government and society. John Adams, for example, believed that the fact that Great Britain was a Republic and not an Empire gave the right of self-governance to American

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