first my stance on the war: I'm against it, and against the choices my leader is making

HOWEVER, as an american citizen i have a responsibilty to support my troops. They follow orders. I also have a responsibilty to support my president. I don't agree with it at all. HOWEVER, I support his decisions, because if i don't then it nullifies the whole meaning of this country.

I also feel however there is absolutely NOTHING wrong with a PEACEFUL protesting of the WAR. I'm not saying a protest of the troops. I can protest the war and support my troops at the same time. There is no flawed logic in this. I don't wan't my fellow citizens over there fighting in a war i don't agree with. I CARE about them too much.

I also feel that this bullshit like the blocking of highways etc is unacceptable. It accomplishes nothing, except to piss people off. A PEACEFUL protest should be nothing more than a gathering of people, NOT INFRINGING ON ANYONE elses 'unwritten rights' to live their lives without a 'blockade of people. In other words, there is nothing wrong with a protest in a park, or outside a federal building AS LONG as they don't create a blockade. It's peoples right to protest.

Furthermore, It angers me when people automatically assume that protesting the war = protesting soldiers. For me, and EVERYONE i know that disagree with the war, protesting the war != lack of troop/ gov't support.

I'm sure there are some that don't support the troops. But applying that one position to all protesters is absolutely ludicrous.

To restate, and make simple what i have just said:

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[*]Protesting the War DOES NOT mean that a person DOESN'T support our country, leader, and/or troops.
[*]There is NOTHING wrong with peaceful protests.
[*]Peacefull protest means not interfering with traffic, not stopping people from going somewhere etc.
[*]Getting pissed at people for protesting the war makes no sense really. They are simply expressing their opinion.
[*]Automatically assuming that someone who protests the war DOES NOT support our leadership and DOES NOT support our troops, is not only unfair, and unjust, but it's just plain stupid.
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and finally, let's make a definition between SUPPORTING our troops and SUPPORTING the war. Im not sure i have been clear enough.

Supporting War: Supporting the war means you have no problem with the offensive incursion into Iraq. Plain and Simple.

Supporting the Troops: You may or MAY NOT agree with the offensive incursion, but you DO

support our men, because you care about them too much not to.

Not Supporting War, AND NOT Supporting Troops: Makes you a complete and utter idiot. These kinds of persons are the reason that vietnam veterans were so despised upon return, which BTW was bullshit. Vietnam was a pointless war that we should have had nothing to do with. But not supporting the troops = idiocy.

I hope you guys understand the point I'm trying to make.

And calling somebody a jerkoff or something for not agreeing with the war is kind of BS. Really, do we call people idiots because they like different kind of foods? (lame analogy, but it gets the point across).