

# We Should Not Be In Liberia

To the Dispatch:

The conflict in Liberia should be the responsibility of the U.N. and the Western African countries and not the U.S. The war in Liberia is being fought by mostly untrained and misdirected young civilians. The anti-government fighters' motive is to oust the President, Charles Taylor, who claims that he will step down but avoids his commitment.

Mr. Bush is correct in claiming that neighboring countries should become active in the resolution if one can be achieved at all. This brutal conflict has no direct effect upon our country. Why are we getting involved? Involvement will cost us money and lives. Our involvement in the Middle East is quite different because of the future destructive potential by our Middle East enemies.

Western African countries are more appropriate for the task. It will not be an easy fix and the solution will probably not last because of the many years of hatred between groups that have existed in Liberia. The advantage is that Western African countries have more of a cultural identity with each other than geographically distant countries.

Mr. Bush, this should not be one of our priorities.

Sincerely,  
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