

## TALKBACK

LAST WEEK WE ASKED:

Do you follow news reports on the war?

Yes. I do follow the news reports on the war. I find it very interesting and sometimes sad. I hate to see people die from wars. I feel bad for their families and friends. I don't understand why they just can't stop so that the world could have peace!

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Yes and no. I only read and watch the news to see how many Canadians soldiers have passed away. I don't really like watching it because it gets really devastating. Stuff like that really bothers me. I don't think it's fair that Canadian soldiers should participate in something that the Americans started.

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Unlike in the United States, the media in Canada does not devote much energy to covering the war in Afghanistan, nor the other conflicts where Canadian troops are deployed. In the spirit of supporting the Canadian men and women deployed in the most dangerous regions of the world, I am making an effort to remain "au courant." This does not mean I agree with the war. However, as a Canadian, and a proud one at that, I strongly believe young people must be made aware of the sacrifices, the danger and the good work our military are experiencing. The topic of war should not be brushed aside. It is relevant to everyone, it has an impact on all Canadians.

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# YOUTH ZONE

**"It's addictive.** I was very nervous – the normal butterflies in your stomach kind of thing – but after a couple of minutes it dies down and, by the end, you just have so much fun."

Contest finalist Olivia Pisano, 14