

# THEN & NOW

The year 1513 – Machiavelli stated in *The Prince*:

**“If you do not intervene, you will remain the prey of the victor ... Princes who lack resolution take the path of neutralization in order to avoid a present danger and for the most part find it the path to ruin.”**

**1942 United States.** *President Roosevelt, after being told by a Polish agent of the ongoing Hitler death camps, refuses to intervene to stop the attempted extermination of the Jews because of the Allies priorities (nation's strategic interest).*

**1994 Rwanda.** *President Clinton, after being told of the ongoing genocide (over 800,000 men, women and children murdered in 47 days), refuses to intervene to stop the attempted extermination of the Tutsis because of United States' priorities (national strategic interest).*

February 15, 2000, and October 11, 2000. Primary Debate with George W. Bush, John McCain, and Alan Keyes and Presidential Debate with George W. Bush and Al Gore.

In both debates it was stated in substance that a small outside force—perhaps as few as 5,000 troops could have stopped the slaughter in Rwanda in its early stages. The participants were asked if they as President would have intervened to stop the killing.

John McCain, Alan Keyes and Al Gore stated they would have intervened, with McCain saying “there were times when a violation of moral principles justified the commitment of troops.”

George W. Bush stated he would not have intervened because it was not in the “national strategic interest” of the United States.

Would George W. Bush intervene to stop the killing of 800,000 men, women and children in 47 days in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Switzerland, New Zealand, Spain or Portugal?

## **What is different about Rwanda?**

The *victors* (the next generation of Hitlers, Stalins, and Saddam Husseins), are watching and listening to determine what action of genocide they can take in the future. Who do you think they want to win the Presidential Election?

**George W. Bush, like William Jefferson Clinton, is a prey of the victor.**