

Welcome to My World, Barack  
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The following excerpts are from an exit interview with the U.S. Secretary of State for the Bush administration, Condoleeza Rice. She gives very candid remarks on the policies of the Bush administration, including that of the adoption of **R2P** and its implications for the EU and Darfur.

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**DISCOVERING WHETHER THE ESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT MEANS ANYTHING.**

I think we thought the **Responsibility to Protect** meant something.\* I remember when the **responsibility-to-protect**

language came up at the 2006 United Nations General Assembly, and I remember thinking at the time: If this turns out to be nothing but words, the Security Council is going to have a real black eye, and in the Darfur case it has turned out to be nothing but words. I think it has been an enormous embarrassment for the Security Council and for multilateral diplomacy.

\*NYT Footnote: In 2006, the United Nations adopted the principle of he **responsibility to protect**. It stipulates that the international community must protect the rights of people inside a sovereign country if the government of that country is failing to protect them.

**WHY THE SECURITY COUNCIL NEGLECTED DARFUR.**

We worked day in and day out. Almost not a day passes in this office that were not trying to find some way to get more forces into Darfur. To make the Sudanese government live up to the multiple agreements that it has made and then walked away from. We go to the Security Council, and nobody wants there to be consequences, well, not nobody, sorry, some dont wish there to be consequences. And so we end up sanctioning again, unilaterally. The Europeans do some things but other interests seem to then trump the **responsibility to protect**. ()

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