

The audio recording was major component of this instillation. Juxtaposed against television shows, silly drawings, quotes of friends as they enjoy their lives, and the details of my overconsumption, was first hand accounts of US soldiers after they returned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Winter Soldier '08 highlights played and looped back every few hours:



### **Mar 13-16 '08: US Vets, Active-Duty Soldiers from Iraq & Afghanistan Testify About the Horrors of War**

Iraq and Afghanistan veterans gathered in Maryland to testify at Winter Soldier, an eyewitness indictment of atrocities committed by US troops during the ongoing occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Organized by Iraq Veterans Against the War, the event was modeled after the historic 1971 Winter Soldier hearings held during the Vietnam War.

The hearings were covered as far afield as the U.K. (Guardian, 3/17/08), Australia (Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 3/14/08), Croatia (Javno, 3/16/08), Iran (Press TV, 3/14/08), etc. Yet although Winter Soldier was held just outside the nation's capital, there was an almost complete media blackout on this historic news event in the U.S. corporate media.

A search on the Lexis database found that no major television network or cable news network even mentioned Winter Soldier, neither did the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times or most other major newspapers in the country. The editors of the Washington Post chose to cover Winter Soldier but placed the article in the local section.