

## Words Poorly Used #73: Avoiding War

There were a post and a thread of discussion on Facebook today covering the POTUS-Elect's nomination for Secretary of State. Someone ventured that we (the USA, I suppose) would "avoid war with Russia." One, we never avoid war, it is the health of the state (per Randolph Bourne), and it is the wealth of the oligarchy. And it is the joystick of the powerful. Two, haven't every POTUS and SOS always avoided war with Russia, or did I miss an episode? Give a little, take a little, but don't break up the game.