Sending Their Sons and Husbands

Why do so many people accept with ease their political leaders' declaration that the nation must go to war against X, even when X clearly is not attacking them, and must kill and die for the alleged defense of the nation?

Do they suddenly forget that their leaders are notorious liars, extortionists, and oppressors? Do they value their lives so little that they require no substantial reason to surrender them whenever their despicable leaders tell them to do so?

Or do they simply relish killing or sending their sons and husbands to kill in their name?