



Stop Bush on the fourth anniversary of the Iraq Carnage. Organize the progressive majority against the war

March 19, 2003 is a day that will live in infamy as the US began the sick “shock and awe” bombing of Baghdad. Four years later, events have proved the peace movement’s message resoundingly correct: the invasion and occupation of Iraq is an unmitigated horror and disaster. More than ever it is urgent to bring the troops home now.

A progressive majority can achieve that goal. That majority can be organized by peace activists through vigorously reaching out to religious labor, fraternal, social, business organizations and to neighbors to create an unprecedented and irresistible coalition for peace. Now, as never before, that can be done. The peace movement has an unusual opportunity to reach non-activist segments of the public because of the broad opposition to the war.

End the Occupation of Iraq/Stop the Attack on Iran

Desperate to save the deteriorating situation, Bush, Cheney and the neocon cabal are defying world opinion and threatening to attack Iran; a major new war is possible. Unable to abandon their lust for Middle Eastern oil and tainted profit, the Bush gang still dreams of US strategic control of the Middle East as the linchpin of the New American Century.

Meanwhile, in Baghdad the Bush surge is subjecting neighborhoods to doors kicked in, families terrorized and arbitrary arrests and violence. Such tactics will only arouse greater resistance. The US House of Representatives passed a nonbonding resolution opposing the surge, but it is only a first step.

The War Can Be Ended

- ❖ Resistance to Bush and the neo-cons is growing on all sides of the political spectrum.
- ❖ Opposition to the war is now shared by an overwhelming majority of the public. More than 70% oppose the escalation; more than 60% oppose the war in general.
- ❖ Among the powerful there is a widening split between the Bush neo-cons and “pragmatic realists” represented by the Iraq Study Group.
- ❖ Opposition to the war is growing within the military.
- ❖ The public is ahead of the politicians in demanding an end to occupation and more and more questions the delusional and racist claims of the right wing to dictate moral and political values to the rest of the world.

To End the War Now

Congress should be the focus of massive progressive pressure. Our legislators should be overwhelmed by demands to bring the troops home and cutoff of funds for the war. Decent jobs at decent wages, good education, genuine adequately funded programs to revive New Orleans and the Gulf Coast and other pressing social needs must become the nation’s first priorities rather than the immoral, wasteful and destructive occupation of Iraq. It’s time to set our country on a path to a peaceful, non-interventionist foreign policy. It’s time for peace with justice now.