

Muslims Will Vote Democrat in 2004

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A letter from the Publisher

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TUCSON 16 June 2004: The American working class prefers Dennis Kucinich [D-Ohio] to be the next President of the United States of America. It is unfortunate for Kucinich supporters that the democratic nomination for the presidency will go to John Kerry [D-Mass.].

The choice between the nominees on either side of the bicameral American government, either republican or democrat, is the choice between this or that imperialist. That much is known. President George Bush will be the Republican nominee. The Democrats will choose John Kerry's running mate at the Democratic National Convention [Boston, July 26-29: 2004]. Progressive Muslims would support the nomination of Dennis Kucinich for Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, because he is the mostly likely candidate to end the U.S. war on Islam. We forecast however that the nomination for the democratic VP will be John Edwards [D-North Carolina]. We also support the possible nomination of John Edwards.

Left organizations that are running independent candidates of their own are wasting their time and ours. Either George Bush will be the next President or John Kerry will. Our main concern in the next Presidential election is ending the U.S. war on Islam. We place our best intentions in John Kerry toward doing that. Horrible crimes are being committed against our people and we want this to end.

Muslims must mobilize politically with the broad anti-imperialist front both to end the war in the Middle East--in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine and prevent the possibility that this war might spread to Iran and the DPRK, potentially engulfing the whole world. With Afghanistan to the east and Iraq to the west, U.S. bases

throughout Central Asia, the Persian Gulf to the south; Iran could be flooded with U.S. troops in a matter of days. Iran could be politically conquered. This possibility frightens us. The nuclear proliferation issue is the main pretext for western imperialism--British, German, Russian and American, for making war both in Iran and the DPRK.

Iran has replied that nuclear weapons proliferation is not within the intentions and morals of the Muslim community. The DPRK says it also wants peace and reunification with the south. The DPRK on the question of arms proliferation remains a problem for western imperialism, and an obstacle to U.S. war plans in Asia, but also has considerable influence over all kinds of opposition movements all over the globe as well. It also does not want to be attacked. Iran and the DPRK have developed peaceful mutual diplomatic relations over the past several months. President Mohammad Khatami received the credentials of Kim Chong Ryong on March 25, 2004 and an Iran-DPRK friendship exhibit opened in Tehran June 15 in honor of the 15th anniversary of Iran and North Korea friendship pact. Austria's President Thomas Klestil said Iran is forming the axis of peace after his historic visit to Tehran January 25-27, 2004. Progressive Muslims support Iran, the DPRK and Austria.

Because the life and liberty of our people depends on peace, in the next election, Muslims will support the best chance of achieving that within the political system that we have and within the bounds of the law. Muslims will, therefore, register and vote in the November 4th Presidential election and they will vote for John Kerry.

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