

Third Anniversary of the "Shock and Awe" Invasion of Iraq

STOP THE WAR



**End Colonial Occupation
from Iraq to Palestine to Haiti!**

**From Iraq to New Orleans,
Fund People's Needs—Not the War Machine!**

GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION

Saturday, March 18

Gather 11am, Civic Center, San Francisco

Locally-Coordinated Antiwar Protests

Visit www.ANSWERcoalition.org to endorse and to get involved!

Monday, March 20

Youth & Student Day of Resistance to Imperialism

Send in your student group's endorsement, attend the next ANSWER Meeting or email student@actionsf.org to get involved.

Walk Out, Sit-in, hold a Speak-out or a Benefit—Resist the War!

**Get Involved!
ANSWER Volunteer
Meetings
every Tuesday at 7pm
2489 Mission St. #30
San Francisco**

Initiated by the A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition

Youth & Student ANSWER, IFCO/Pastors for Peace, Free Palestine Alliance—U.S., Haiti Support Network, Partnership for Civil Justice—LDEF, Nicaragua Network, Alliance for Just and Lasting Peace in the Philippines, Korea Truth Commission, Muslim Student Association—National, Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Mexico Solidarity Network, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Middle East Children's Alliance

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Call to Action

This Call to Action was adopted at the November 6 Youth and Student A.N.S.W.E.R. Strategy Meeting held in New York City at Hunter College.

This is not our war. The Bush administration has sent hundreds of thousands of young people in the armed forces to Iraq to kill and be killed in a war for Empire. Iraq has the second largest oil reserves on earth. It has been targeted for destruction by the imperialists because the Iraqi people dared to nationalize their oil and other natural resources. Every rationale provided by the Bush administration for the war has been exposed as a lie. Iraq possessed no weapons of mass destruction. Iraq had no connection to the events of September 11.

The U.S., on the contrary, has nearly 10,000 nuclear weapons, has a military budget of \$500 billion per year, constituting half of all arms production in the world. The U.S. government is the only one in the world that has ever used nuclear weapons, which it did against the civilian cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. More than 100,000 Iraqis have died since March 2003. Their country has been destroyed. Electricity, food, medicine, drinkable water all the things necessary to sustain life are now in a state of ruin. More than 2,000 U.S. soldiers have been killed and 20-30,000 have been horribly wounded. The U.S. government has spent \$300 billion to carry out this war of aggression; that comes to more than \$200 million every day.

The war and occupation of Iraq cannot be seen in isolation. The U.S. is actively attempting to destroy every government that resists the Empire. People in Iraq, in Palestine, in Haiti, in Venezuela, in Cuba, in the Philippines are resisting but the people of the United States must become their allies. Their resistance is part of the universal aspiration to live free from foreign domination or threats of a military or economic character.

While the Bush administration and Congress allocate limitless resources for their war for Empire, these so-called elected representatives of the people are carrying out massive cutbacks in Medicaid, Medicare, tuition aid, food stamps and other vital social programs. Of the \$50 billion in projected cutbacks in the coming fiscal year, more than 1/3 are targeting programs designed to help young people, especially education programs.

This is a racist war. The Bush administration has targeted and demonized Arab and Muslim peoples. It is a racist war too because it constitutes a systematic diversion of resources from African American, Latino and other oppressed communities directly into the coffers of the corporate and banking establishment through the agency of military spending.

While the Bush administration cut hundreds of millions of dollars from flood and hurricane relief and from the restorations of the levees in New Orleans between 2001 and 2005, the same government reallocated these resources for the so-called "war on terrorism."

Our massive mobilizations will not simply target the Bush administration. Bush and the neo-conservatives share the same fundamental class interests with all sectors of the leadership in the Republican and Democratic Parties. It is naïve and an exercise in misleadership to focus all of the attention of the rising progressive movement against the Bush administration. Such an orientation implies that the removal of Bush and his replacement by a Democrat will fundamentally alter the imperialist war drive and the assault against working class communities and young people at home. The Republicans and the Democrats alike are the twin parties of the war machine. They share the same corporate and banking contributors, their real constituents are big oil, the big banks and the military-industrial complex.

We have learned the lessons of the civil rights, women's, LGBT, labor, and anti-war movements: Real change comes not as a gift from the politicians but from the sustained mass mobilization of the people. In order to realize the demand "Money for jobs, housing, education, and healthcare, Not for war and occupation" we must create a national grassroots movement.

- From Iraq to New Orleans, Fund People's Needs—Not the War Machine
- Stop the War in Iraq - Bring all the troops home now
- Military Recruiters out of our schools & communities
- End Colonial Occupation from Iraq to Palestine to Haiti
- Support the Palestinian People's Right of Return
- Stop the Threats Against Venezuela, Cuba, Iran & North Korea
- U.S. out of the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Afghanistan
- Stop the Racist, anti-Immigrant and anti-Labor Offensive at Home, Defend Civil Rights

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