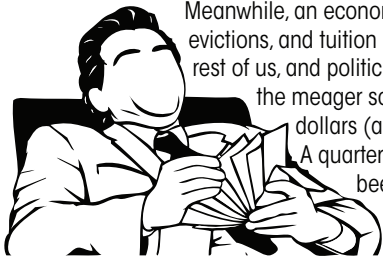


WHY STOP THIS WAR?

ONLY THE RICH ARE WINNING.

Aid goes to contractors not people: The largest donor organization in Afghanistan, USAID, allocates close to half of its funds to five US contractors: KBR, the Louis Berger Group, Chemonics International, Bearing Point and DynCorp International.



Meanwhile, an economic recession has seen layoffs, evictions, and tuition hikes (almost double at UDC!) for the rest of us, and politicians scheme on ways to push aside the meager social safety nets to squeeze more dollars (and young people's lives) into the war. A quarter-trillion dollars and 850 lives have been wasted in this war so far.

See costofwar.com, icasualties.org

WOMEN ARE NOT LIBERATED BY OCCUPYING ARMIES.

War erodes the rights of women and girls.

Rape is not even a crime under the laws of Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and women currently have no redress for domestic violence or rape.

Hundreds of Afghan women have burned themselves alive to avoid forced marriages and in protest of the oppression they face on a daily basis. The high incidence of this practice is unique to the post-Taliban era.



See www.rawa.org

U.S. OCCUPATION HURTS AFGHAN PEOPLE.

The US occupation is a perpetuation of three decades of war and occupation in Afghanistan. October 7th marks the eighth year that the U.S. has been occupying Afghanistan, under the auspice of fighting "the war on terror."

In 8 years, tens of thousands of Afghans have been killed by U.S. air strikes, bombs, and bullets, and the Afghani infrastructure has been devastated.

Because of the US occupation, Afghans are the second-largest refugee population in the world. More than 3 million people still live outside of the country.

Journalists, military and government officials agree: An increased military presence in Afghanistan will not curb violence.

THIS WAR IS OBAMA'S WAR NOW.

We are here to hold Obama accountable for the death and suffering he has caused in Afghanistan, Bush may have started the war, but its Obama's war now.



Obama has represented himself as a peace candidate, promising to lead a troop withdrawal from Iraq. In fact, he hasn't decreased troops in Iraq, and has also led a massive troop surge in his short time in office.

In 2008, the year that Bush left office, the troops in Afghanistan, in any given month averaged 30,000. In 2009, the year Obama took office, the monthly average shot up to over 50,000, a significantly larger increase than any during the Bush administration.

Lockheed Martin contributes heavily to both the Democratic and Republican parties, and in return takes in \$65 million a day from the federal government to develop and construct war planes and bombs. The Parsons Corporation is a no-bid contractor in Iraq and Afghanistan, known for bleeding the countries in which it operates dry (see *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*), and for building prisons in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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These are your friendly neighborhood child predators: enticing people of color and working-class youth into "service" with promises of job training and college tuition, they leave all too many with missing limbs and shattered minds, saddled with debt and trauma and living on the street.

1099 14 ST NW - RECRUITING STATION

Bechtel is a curse word in many countries: privatizing rainwater in Bolivia, mass scale looting in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, financial links to the bin Laden family, and no-bid rebuilding contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The last of these has been bold-faced war profiteering of the most despicable variety.

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Why aren't you protesting in Congress, the Senate, or at the White House? Well, our problems go a lot deeper than who happens to occupy the seats of power right now (after all, weren't they elected in 2006 and 2008 with a clear mandate for ending these costly and ridiculous wars?). Our puppet "leaders" take their marching orders directly from the profiteers, like the folks at the Dixie Chicks for questioning our last warmonger-in-chief, to the largest evangelical extremist mercenary army, and from two massive oil corporations to a weapons manufacturer, this building is barbarism in a business-suit disguise.

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WHY ARE WE DANCING HERE?

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