

GRANNY PEACE BRIGADE RECIPE



PHONE-A-THON

Ingredients:

Fair weather (or rain date)
Wide, busy sidewalk (Union Square in NYC works well.)
Table (pretty tablecloth a good option)
Big, bright explanatory poster (sample text below)
Flyers (stop funding the war) (h. Res. 333, Impeach Cheney)
Email sign up sheets on clip board & Pens
Toll free number for Congressional Offices (800) 828-0498
Local phone numbers to use if DC offices are busy
Download flyer of New York local office numbers
"Directory of Elected Officials" (League of Women Voters)
4 - 5 Outgoing **Persons With Cellphones (OPWC)**

Begin during office hours; midday works well. Place one **OPWC** near the table. Scatter the remainder nearby. Holding flyers in one hand and a phone in the other the **OPWCs** encourage passersby to call their senators and representatives. After someone stops and stares in amazement the **OPWC** says, "Yeah, you can use my phone." Dozens of people will make the calls to their senators and representatives and some will sign the email list.

This recipe works best during office hours. Callers are excited to know they are about to speak to a living human being who is actually sitting in a Congressional office. It will be a first time for most of the callers and many will be obviously nervous. You can listen as people get over their hesitation while they speak. By the end of the calls their voices will be stronger and more confident. They'll leave with flyers and hopefully with the resolve to become more active.

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Sample text for poster:

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**Call your senators and representatives.
Right now! For Free!
Tell them to fund ONLY the safe
withdrawal of our troops.
DON'T BE SHY.**

For an audio/visual demonstration of a phone-a-thon at work, visit YouTube and screen our videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/grannypeacebrigade>

Once you've started your own phone-a-thon, keep us in the information loop. Let us know how things are going, the responses you get and any new ideas you come up with. Remember, the more we share, the stronger we become! Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Granny Peace Brigade

We will not be silent!

We welcome all ages, women and men.
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