

Granny Peace Brigade

Twelve Points for Peace:

1. Stop funds for the war - there is enough money in the pipeline to bring the troops home safely. Congress has the power of the purse and must use it.
2. Bring troops home starting now and all home by June 2008.
3. No permanent bases in Iraq.
4. No preventive war.
5. People of Iraq must control all of Iraq's resources - no U.S. pressure to privatize Iraq's oil company.
6. Assist in the restoration of civil society in Iraq for all sectors: housing, education, medical care, legal and administrative infrastructure, and the arts.
7. Repeal the Military Commissions Act. Restore the writ of habeas corpus. Adhere to the Geneva conventions and the conventions of international law.
8. Repeal the civil rights violations of the Patriot Act.
9. Close Guantánamo and all U.S. military bases on foreign soil.
10. End the practice of extraordinary rendition.
11. Investigate the lies that launched the war and the conduct of the war.
12. Call for impeachment proceedings.

On the following pages is an elaboration on our

Twelve Points for Peace

STOP FUNDS FOR THE WAR - THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY IN THE PIPELINE TO BRING THE TROOPS HOME SAFELY. CONGRESS HAS THE POWER OF THE PURSE AND MUST USE IT.

Congress must stop funds for the war. Protect the people who would be displaced by the closing of weapons factories by finding and/or creating new jobs with equal pay and benefits. Provide retraining where necessary. Use the savings gained by cutting weapons spending to develop programs in energy conservation, renewable energy, education, and other social programs thereby creating more jobs.

BRING TROOPS HOME STARTING NOW AND ALL HOME BY JUNE 2008.

We all understand that the situation in Iraq is difficult and grave. The United States needs to take action to repair as much damage as possible and to stop further killing. U.S. armed forces are perceived as occupiers and hated by the majority of Iraqis. As long as our fighting men and women are in Iraq, violence from the insurgency and counter-insurgency will increase. We must immediately begin to reduce the number of U.S. troops in Iraq. We must support the development of an international force composed of troops principally from Muslim and Arab countries to provide security in Iraq. At the same time, we must establish a timetable for the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops.

NO PERMANENT BASES IN IRAQ.

Almost no Iraqis believe that the U.S. is there to spread democracy. They think we are there to control their oil. The U.S. government has never denied that it intends to maintain military bases in Iraq indefinitely, and this silence confirms Iraqi opinion. The only way to secure a peaceful withdrawal of our forces is to announce immediately our intention to leave all military bases behind as we pull out, and to do so over the next six months.

NO PREVENTIVE WAR.

The United States had international sympathy after the 9/11 attacks. Today, because of our preventive war against Iraq, that sympathy has turned to hate and fear in much of the world. We are in more danger now than we were before we declared war on Iraq. The United States must assume a position of responsible leadership in the international community by renouncing preventive war as a national security strategy.

THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ MUST CONTROL ALL OF IRAQ'S RESOURCES -- NO U.S. PRESSURE TO PRIVATIZE IRAQ'S OIL COMPANY.

Dennis Kucinich, speaking from the Floor of the House on Dec. 7, 2006:

"On October 25th, President Bush cited oil as a reason for our continued presence in Iraq. The Iraq Study Group is recommending Iraq law be changed to facilitate privatization of Iraq's oil wealth.

"The Iraq Study Group report says as much as 500,000 barrels per day -- that is \$11.3 billion per year -- in Iraqi oil wealth is now being stolen,....How can we expect the end of the Iraq war and national reconciliation in Iraq, while we advocate that Iraq's oil wealth be handled by private oil companies?

"It is ironic that this report comes at the exact time the Interior Department's Inspector General says that oil companies are cheating the U.S. out of billions of dollars while the Administration looks the other way.

"Is it possible that our troops are dying for the profits of private oil companies?"

ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN IRAQ FOR ALL SECTORS: HOUSING, EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE ARTS.

From: *Out of Iraq-A Practical Plan for Withdrawal Now*

by George McGovern and William R. Polk:

"Insofar as practical, Iraqi engineers, contractors, tradesmen, and construction workers should be employed in postwar reconstruction. Their involvement will be a point of pride for Iraqis, but it will also help to reduce Iraq's crippling rate of unemployment, which was caused by the war, the embargo, and the insurgency. Iraqi engineers are among the ablest in the Middle East and can carry out important work more efficiently and at less cost than engineers brought in under contract from abroad....

"Another residue of the war and occupation is the intrusion of military facilities on Iraqi cultural sites.... Iraq is itself a virtual museum. It is hard to put a spade into the earth without disturbing a part of the record of the creation of our shared cultural heritage. America should set up a fund of, say, \$250 million (one day's cost of the war)...to assist in the restoration of sites that its troops have damaged...

"Finally, America should express its condolences for the large number of Iraqis killed, incapacitated, incarcerated, and/or tortured.

"In summary, the basic cost of the program...might total roughly \$7.75 billion."

REPEAL THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT. RESTORE THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. ADHERE TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND THE CONVENTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Patrick Leahy, United States Senator:

"Passing laws that remove the few checks against mistreatment of prisoners will not help us win the battle for the hearts and minds of the generation of young people around the world being recruited by Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda. Authorizing indefinite detention of anybody the Government designates, without any proceeding and without any recourse -- is what our worst critics claim the United States would do, not what American values, traditions and our rule of law would have us do. This is not just a bad bill, this is a dangerous bill."

REPEAL THE CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE PATRIOT ACT.

Pass the Security and Freedom Enhancement (SAFE) Act, proposed by Senators Larry Craig (R-ID), John Sununu (R-NH) and Richard Durbin (D-IL), which would add checks and balances to the Patriot Act. The SAFE Act would add some judicial, Congressional and public oversight to Patriot Act powers and would revise the definition of "terrorist" to exclude certain groups of people such as anti-war protesters and abortion demonstrators.

CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO.

Guantánamo Opening on January 11, 2002 Guantánamo, known for its cages, hooded detainees, secret renditions and waterboarding, remains a Kafkaesque reminder of all the international conventions the U.S. is flaunting. Challenged in the courts, Guantanamo must be shut down, along with the 737 U.S. bases on foreign soil whose presence creates storms of opposition and protest in the "host" countries.

END THE PRACTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION.

The amendment to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for the Iraq War and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (P.L. 109-13) states that Congress will not authorize the funding of any program that "subject[s] any person in the custody or under the physical control of the United States to torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment that is prohibited by the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States." P.L. 109-13, § 1031 (2005). Investigate to find out if all agents of the U.S. Government are obeying this law.

INVESTIGATE THE LIES THAT LAUNCHED THE WAR AND THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Begin by investigating the misuse of intelligence leading up to the war. Continue by investigating the waste, fraud and misuse of funds in the conduct of the war. Pay particular attention to the roles played by contractors such as Halliburton and Bechtel.

CALL FOR IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) has prepared *Articles of Impeachment Against George W. Bush* on four specific grounds:

- Spying on Americans in violation of Congressional statutes
- Illegally initiating the war in Iraq on the basis of lies to Congress and the American people
- Engaging in arbitrary and illegal detention of both citizens and non-citizens and condoning torture
- Appropriating for the Executive Branch powers denied it by the Constitution, both with respect to the above offenses and by adding "signing statements" to laws passed by Congress indicating that the President would determine exceptions to those laws as he saw fit.

CCR states, "In all of this, George W. Bush has acted in a manner contrary to his trust as president and subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States. Wherefore George W. Bush, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office."