

About the Stop the Wars Coalition -

We demand:

- Bring the troops home now!
- End the occupation of Iraq!
- Stop the attacks against Arabs, Muslims and all people of color!
- From the Gulf Coast to New England and beyond... Fund human needs- not war and occupation!
- Military recruiters out of our schools!

We call for an end to this criminal war on the Iraqi people, to bring all the troops home now, and for the redirection of resources to further justice, equality, and human needs here at home, not death and misery.

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How many more...

...Iraqis killed?
...soldiers will die?
...people tortured?
...mercenaries?
...countries invaded?
...politicians will lie?
...billions of dollars wasted?
...Katrinas?
...women and people of color attacked?
...Arabs, South Asians or Muslims mistreated?
...civil liberties lost?
...childcare programs terminated?
...healthcare benefits denied?
...affordable housing projects dismantled?
...college scholarships cut?
...schools neglected?
...corporations will profit?

...before we say, "No!"

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**Speaking Truth to Power:
Challenging Condoleezza Rice**

Demonstration

Monday, May 22, 2006

9:30 p.m.

**Location at Boston College
To be announced**

**Former Chevron director and
current US Secretary of State will
be in Boston for the Boston College
commencement on May 22, 2006.**

Join our reception!

TROOPS OUT NOW!

The war and occupation in Iraq must be opposed! We charge the US government with the following crimes.

Ongoing Killing of Iraqis

- The medical journal, *The Lancet*, published a report indicating that 100,000 civilians have died in Iraq as a direct result of the 2003 invasion and occupation
- George Bush, asked to provide an estimate of civilian deaths, cavalierly put the number at 30,000.
- The U.S. and British governments refuse to provide data on the number of civilians killed or injured by their occupation
- The US Government continues to conduct aerial bombings over Iraq; it has not reported the number of bombing runs and tonnage used
- Mercenary “security” companies staffed by former US military personnel and former soldiers from armies around the world operate with impunity
- Secret British government poll of Iraqis indicates that 82% are opposed to the presence of “coalition” forces and nearly half believe that armed resistance is justified

Arrests, Detentions & Torture

- Systematic use of torture against detainees
- Major General Taguba documented (May 2004) the pouring of chemicals onto detainees, severe beatings, sodomy and other sexual abuses
- Seymour Hersh documents complicity and knowledge of torture up to the highest levels of government (New Yorker, May 17, 2004)
- The Iraqi Interior Ministry, which collaborates with the US occupation, organizes special commandos that have subjected prisoners to severe torture
- The operation of secret prisons outside the United States that detain people indefinitely
- Support to governments that use torture and extrajudicial arrests in Afghanistan, Colombia, Haiti, Israel, & Pakistan

- The continuing detention of hundreds of US and foreign nationals in Guantanamo

Economic Pillage

- Billions of dollars in Iraqi oil revenues have been diverted to US-based corporations like Halliburton and Bechtel
- A Bush presidential decree created a “Development Fund for Iraq” paid with Iraqi oil revenues. By October 2003, the Army Corp of Engineers reported that \$600 million from this fund had been spent on Halliburton; in June 2005, congress learned that Halliburton had overcharged the US Government by some \$1.5 billion; Halliburton’s largest contract is worth \$11 billion
- One hundred and fifty US-based corporations received contracts totaling in excess of \$50 billion.
- The Government seeks to privatize the nationalized Iraqi oil industry.

The War at Home: Deadly Inequalities

- In 2001, the bottom 50% of the population owned 2.8% of the wealth, while the top 1% owned 32.7%
- The average Latino household now has an income that is less than two-thirds that of the average white household. After slowly increasing from 55% of white income in 1988 to 65% in 2000, median income for black house-holds fell again to 62% of whites in 2003
- Ownership of homes, stock and businesses remains disproportionately in white hands. Most people of color rent, while ¾ of white families own their homes
- Katrina taught the world about Louisiana when the government failed to evacuate thousands of mostly low income African-Americans. Left in the flooded city to fend for themselves, over a thousand died.

Health

- Forty-three million Americans have no healthcare coverage and millions more have inadequate coverage. Although only 29% of the U.S. population, African Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans were a majority (52%) of the nation’s 45 million individuals who were uninsured year-round in 2003.
- The age-adjusted death rate for African Americans was higher than that of whites by 41% for stroke, 30% for heart disease, 25% for cancer, and more than 750% for HIV disease in 2002

Incarceration & Death Penalty

- The US has the highest reported incarceration rate in absolute and proportional terms in the world -- and the largest number in prison, two million.
- One out of three black men born today are projected to spend time in prison. Blacks Compose 13% of the US population but 49% of the prison population.
- 13% of the adult black male population has lost the right to vote because of a felony disenfranchisement law.
- People of color have accounted for a disproportionate 43% of total executions since 1976 and 55% of those currently awaiting execution

Civil liberties & Human Rights

- 1996 Anti-Terrorism Act and the Patriot Act have legalized imprisonment without charges based on “secret” evidence and severely curtailed the right to privacy.
- The National Security Agency and other federal organizations have been conducting an illegal spying operation within the country’s borders.