

DIRECT ACTION TO STOP THE WAR

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan need to end. The majority of the American public and global community opposes these senseless conflicts. It is up to us to actively confront the political and economic interests behind the wars, and demand their immediate and unconditional end. We believe that the time has come for the anti-war movement to escalate our tactics, and put pressure directly on the people who are waging these wars. But our government, ignoring our protests against massive cuts to social programs, instead pours money into empire-building – into expanding its military,

political, and economic power over the people of the world. Our government is attacking the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, and at the same time is fighting a war against poor people and communities of color here in America and throughout the world. These two wars are in fact one and the same, and each of them fuels the other. We must put an end to both.

However, the warmakers that run this country have refused to listen to us. Permitted street marches and electoral campaigns alone cannot bring the wars to an end. It is up to us to organize nonviolent direct actions that will send a clear message to the economic and political interests behind the wars: We will actively confront you every step of the way until the U.S. withdraws its troops.

About DASW

Direct Action to Stop the War (DASW) is a decentralized, unaffiliated network of Bay Area affinity groups and individuals. Six years ago, on March 20, 2003, DASW – a coordinating body/spokescouncil that brought together several thousand people from a broad cross-section of communities, social justice groups, and anti-war organizations – organized a massively successful shutdown of the San Francisco financial district, in protest of President Bush's decision to attack Iraq. This mass direct action of over 10,000 people was planned and carried out using an anti-authoritarian and highly effective organizing model of affinity groups, decentralized leadership, and coordinated action through mass spokescouncil meetings.

Late in 2007, a group of Bay Area activists got together and re-started Direct Action to Stop the War. Some of the people who were involved in the first organizing effort, along with many new people, came together to organize two mass direct actions on the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. One action targeted the Chevron refinery in Richmond, a major war profiteer, and another staged disruptive actions in San Francisco's financial district. What happens next is up to us. What is clear, is that without mass participation, without your participation, the likelihood of ending the wars any time soon is small indeed.

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It's up to you

Working together, we have to create the pressure to end the wars. Without your active participation the wars won't end.

Get Involved!

End the Wars Now!

DASW not your thing?

Try these other groups:

- >> Code Pink: <http://www.bayareacodepink.org>
- >> Courage to Resist: <http://couragetoresist.org/>
- >> Iraq Moratorium: <http://www.iraqmoratorium-sfbay.org/>
- >> Iraq Veterans Against the War: <http://ivaw.org/sf-bay-area>
- >> United for Peace and Justice: <http://upj-bayarea.org/>