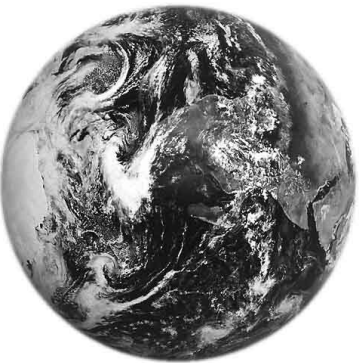


## Stop the Military Recruiters!



## We Won't Be the Cops of the World!

# NOT IN OUR NOT NAME!



**George Bush and Co. want us to join the military to be the cops of the world. But we have a different mission...**

## ***Our generation is taking to the streets, standing with the people of the world against the U.S.'s unjust war on the world!***

Our generation needs to come together as a fighting force, but not for George Bush's army of murder and destruction. Students and youth are always on the front lines of resistance movements: from the fight to stop the U.S.'s war in Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement, to the Black Panthers and the Chicano Moratorium, to the battle to stop police brutality and free Mumia Abu-Jamal, to the anti-globalization and immigrant rights movements.

*Recently hundreds of thousands of us across the country raised our voices, protested, and walked out of school against the illegitimate war in Iraq. In Los Angeles, kids in over 70 high schools walked out of school during the March 5th Student Strike.*

Although the people were not able to stop the war, we showed the world that there are many here that will not go along with the government's program. Our stand gave people heart, strengthening worldwide resistance. This resistance and opposition helped to expose and isolate the U.S. government. In the course of all this, people developed new ways of organizing-working together to make make connections and alliances with people of different nationalities, ages, backgrounds, and communities.

The cops, the military, immigration police, and school administrations have confronted us. The world needs our generation to rise up and take matters into our own hands to stop the criminals who are waging unjust war all over the world in our name!

## ***Their Pitch- a.k.a THE BIG LIE***

If you turn on MTV or BET you'll see the Go Army ads with the claim that if you join the military, you'll be able to travel the world, get nice new uniforms, new friends, money for college, and a real purpose in life.

*Even Vice President Dick Cheney has admitted that, "The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars. That is our basic fundamental mission. The military is not a social welfare agency, it's not a jobs program."*

The Pentagon spent \$2.4 billion on recruiting in 2002. Annually 200,000 young people are recruited into the military. Why are they really trying to get us to join the army? Millions of people around the globe have flooded the streets against the war and occupation of Iraq. Why? They know that this war has nothing to do with safety, security, or stopping terrorism. People are figuring out that the US government is on a global rampage to dominate the oil resources of the world and institute 'regime change' whenever and wherever they want.

*Let's be clear - their wars are for profit and empire and they need millions of kids to go off and do their dirty work for them. Will you and your friends get suckered into doing it or will you join the movement to stop the madness?*

Many soldiers on the front lines are Black, Latino, and/or poor. Most of the kids who join the army and get sent to fight and die will come from schools full of Black, Latino, Asian, American Indian, and poor kids. People of color represent 1/3 of all enlisted personnel, but only 1/8 of all officers. The American Council has attributed a drop in Black college enrollment to military recruiting. Only 35% of recruits receive any education benefits from the military. Only 12% of male and 6% of female veterans surveyed have made any use of skills they learned in the military for regular jobs. Immigrants who enlist are given citizenship only after they have been killed during service.

*Dick Cheney has said that the "war on terrorism" could last a generation- two or three decades. Uncle Sam needs a generation of cannon fodder, and he's coming for everyone- from rural towns and communities, to major metropolitan areas.*

## ***The "fight for freedom."***

You can believe the lie if you want. Everyone knows the line they try to feed us- the one about "defending our democracy" and "freedom for all". But with 2 million people (the majority of them Black and Latino) in prison, "three-strike" laws, INS/Migra Patrols, and police brutality, they can't exactly say that you are fighting for the freedom of all the people in this country. Look at what they are doing to Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians: rounding them up and putting them in modern-day concentration camps, with no rights, no lawyers, no due process, and no fair trial.

What about the people of the world? The U.S.'s "war on the world" is far from over- *After 9-11, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said that over 60 countries had "terrorist" problems and were possible targets for military action.*

Of the nearly 200 countries on this planet, less than 50 are without U.S. military presence. The U.S. military has the largest arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, in history, and has used them more than any other power. It has invaded and devastated the war-torn country of Afghanistan, and turned Iraq into a colony and occupied territory.

*They called it "Operation Iraqi Freedom" but how free are the people of Iraq?*

The U.S. has turned their country into a crater- covered with unexploded shells and radioactive dust from depleted uranium munitions, and occupied by over 100,000 soldiers. Is this freedom?

*In an Empire's war, for whose freedom are you fighting?*