

No More War on Afghanistan – Troops Out Now Healthcare, Jobs and Education – No to War and Occupation!

Why are we there?

We are not in Afghanistan for democracy (think of Hamid Karzai's fraudulent election). We are certainly not there to protect the US people, the people of Afghanistan, or to defend the rights of women. We are there for empire, to control the strategic territory between Iran, Pakistan, and Khazakstan.

What is it costing?

- Cost of Afghan war to US: \$230 billion (about twelve times what the US spends annually on education¹) and growing², part of a total US war budget of \$1 trillion³ per year
- California's share – over \$22 billion, enough to pay for 2.6 million Head Start positions, provide health care for almost 9 million people, or provide renewable electricity for almost 39 million people⁴
- For \$1 billion, the government could create 7,100 military jobs, or 7,500 clean energy jobs, 10,400 health care jobs, or 16,900 education jobs⁵
- 68,000 US troops⁶ in Afghanistan, 12,000 more on the way, and 40,000 additional troops requested⁷
- Contractors, including Blackwater, outnumber US troops⁸
- over 800 US fatalities⁹ since 2003 and an unknown, but large, number of Afghan civilian casualties
- 3.7 million Afghan refugees are living in neighboring countries¹⁰



What can we do?

The majority of the US population wants us out of Afghanistan¹¹, yet according to senior Obama officials, that item is off the agenda¹². In fact, they are planning a campaign to win us over to a war without end¹³.

How do they get away with this? They do not see any opposition that they need to respect. **You can help to turn this around by joining with the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, 7 pm, Church of the Brethren, 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego 92105. Together we can build a movement that can make them listen.**

San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice – www.sdcpj.org

¹ <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2009/10/14-4>

² <http://www.costofwar.com/>

³ <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/>

⁴ http://www.nationalpriorities.org/auxiliary/costofwar/cost_of_war_afghanistan.pdf

⁵ http://www.fpif.org/pdf/0910Jobs_report1.pdf

⁶ <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/2009/09/02/quick-facts-US-military-operations-Afghanistan>

⁷ <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/10/world/asia/10prexy.html?scp=1&sq=McCHystal%20troop%20buildup&st=cse>

⁸ <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/02/world/asia/02contractors.html>

⁹ <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/2009/09/02/quick-facts-US-military-operations-Afghanistan>

¹⁰ http://www.nationalpriorities.org/auxiliary/costofwar/cost_of_war_afghanistan.pdf

¹¹ <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/14/whhttp://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/25/us/politics/25poll.html>

¹² <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/08/world/asia/08afghan.html?scp=9&sq=obama%20afghanistan&st=cse>

¹³ http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/14/world/14biden.html?_r=1&scp=4&sq=afghanistan%20obama&st=cse

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