

END THE WAR



IN AFGHANISTAN

Windows and Mirrors: Toolkit for Action

How Can I Help? Let's work together to tell Washington to end the war.

Concerned individuals and small groups of people make a difference. Public opinion in the United States is now squarely against the war in Afghanistan. Recent polls indicate that nearly six in ten Americans oppose the war. Here are some steps you can take to help end this war:

Have a House Party



Invite friends and neighbors to your house and start a conversation about Afghanistan. At your party you might want to show a video or two. Brave New Foundation's [Rethink Afghanistan videos](#) are available to stream, as is [Why Are We in Afghanistan?](#), an illustrated film with a teacher's guide. AFSC [resources](#) can also come in handy. Get your friends to take action by joining AFSC's [Wage Peace](#) action alert list, and/or organizing a visit to your representative's office. AFSC can provide you with resources for a congressional visit and help get you started email mzerkel@afsc.org

Make a Video



After the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan reached \$1 trillion, The American Friends Service Committee and National Priorities Project teamed up this summer to create the [If I Had a Trillion Dollars Youth Video Contest](#). The contest invites youth ages 13-23 to create short videos (1-3 minutes) exploring the ways they would spend \$1 trillion for their families, their schools or their communities. The deadline is November 30, so download our materials, grab your flip camera or cell phone and start recording!

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Write an Op-Ed or Letter to the Editor

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In my opinion, Gen. David Petraeus has kicked off a public relations campaign intended to gin up support to continue the occupation of Afghanistan beyond President Obama's stated deadline for troop withdrawal ("Petraeus: We're trying to keep Afghanistan from becoming terrorist sanctuary (again)." USATODAY.com, Monday).

Petraeus told Meet the Press's David Gregory that Obama asked him to achieve specific American objectives and not just to preside over a graceful exit.

Public acceptance of the war in Afghanistan has steadily eroded. Americans now realize that military occupations are never won or lost. They can only be ended or continued. This revelation comes after costly losses in Iraq. The military-industrial complex is driving the entire U.S. economy as well as the nation into insolvency.

Many in this country are becoming increasingly intolerant of our

USA TODAY OPINION

Let your friends and neighbors know how you feel about the war in Afghanistan. Folks who have used our tools have had letters published in many places including USA today! Here are some topics and templates you can use to write an op-ed or letter to the editor of your hometown newspaper:

- [On this war being our Longest War](#)
- [On casualties](#)
- [On the cost of this war](#)
- [On the effect on the national mindset](#)
- [Or on any other issue regarding the war](#)

Wage Peace



Join AFSC and other groups around the country to pressure the Obama administration and Congress to stop the war. Join our online advocacy campaign at www.afsc.org by signing up under "Stay Informed."

You can also donate to Windows and Mirrors: A Reflection on the War in Afghanistan so the exhibit can travel to more cities and regions of the country. Contact klight@afsc.org, 312.427.2533 x 33.

Make a Commitment



Enlist yourself as a peacemaker. Sign a pledge card at the exhibit so that your name will be added to the list of the living willing to work for peace to counter the list of the dead who continue to be victims of war.

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