

Dear Friend,

**Are you feeling frustrated and powerless with the current government's foreign and domestic policies?**

**Are you wondering how to get involved or struggling to find a way to make a difference?**

We have identified some websites that provide useful information on some key issues we are facing now. We have arranged this information by issues which are key to understanding some aspects of the widening war and national security. We hope that you will use these resources to educate yourself or better yet to organize study circles from your faith community, neighborhood, or friends.

We realize that this list represents a small portion of the wonderful information that is available. We have selected user friendly websites which provide information not readily obtained through the mainstream media; valuable information which can help the reader to understand the current situation from a broader context.

## **Globalization/Human Rights**

**\*Global Exchange** - [globalexchange.org](http://globalexchange.org)

(415) 255-7296  
an international human rights organization dedicated to promoting environmental, political and social justice globally.

**Human Rights Watch** - [hrw.org](http://hrw.org)  
(212) 290-4700

stands with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, to uphold political freedom, to protect people from inhumane conduct in wartime, and to bring offenders to justice.

**Amnesty International** - [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org) (212) 807-8400  
a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights.

**TransAfrica Forum** - [www.transafricaforum.org](http://www.transafricaforum.org)  
(202) 223-1960

a major research, educational, and organizing institution offering constructive analyses of issues concerning U.S. policy as it affects Africa and the Diaspora in the Caribbean and Latin America.

## **Domestic Issues/Economy/Civil Liberties**

**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** - [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)

works daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States

**\*Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)**

- [fcnl.org](http://fcnl.org) (202) 547-6000  
A Quaker Lobby in the public interest, seeking to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the nations capital.

**Jericho Amnesty Movement** - [www.thejerichomovement.com](http://www.thejerichomovement.com)  
(212) 502-1143

pushing for the admission on the part of the United States government and for recognition in the international arena that political prisoners and prisoners of war do exist inside the United States.

## **Middle East issues**

**Bitterlemons** - [www.bitterlemons.org](http://www.bitterlemons.org)  
presents Israeli and Palestinian viewpoints on prominent issues of concern. Its goal is to contribute to mutual understanding through the open exchange of ideas.

**PEACE: A Mid-East Dialog Group** - [www.ariga.com/dialog](http://www.ariga.com/dialog)  
a Peace dialog group founded by an Israeli and a Jordanian.

**Education for Peace in Iraq Center** - [www.epic-usa.org](http://www.epic-usa.org)  
(202) 543-6176  
dedicated to improving humanitarian conditions in Iraq and defending the human rights of the Iraqi people.

## **War/Military/ Weapons**

### **\*California Peace Action -**

[californiapeaceaction.org](http://californiapeaceaction.org) (202) 862-9740

California's largest peace organization has a wonderful running tally of the cost of war with Iraq and ways for the money to be alternatively spent.

### **\*Center For Defense Information - [www.cdi.org](http://www.cdi.org)**

(202) 332-0600

committed to independent research on the social, economic, environmental, political and military components of global security.

### **\*Back From the Brink - [backfromthebrink.org](http://backfromthebrink.org)**

(202) 545-1001

a campaign to remove nuclear weapons from high-alert status.

### **Abolition 2000 - [abolition2000.org](http://abolition2000.org)**

(814) 453-4955  
a network of over 2000 organizations in more than 90 countries world wide working for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons.

### **Waging Peace - [www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org)**

(805) 965-3443

advancing initiatives to eliminate the nuclear weapons threat to all life and building an enduring legacy of peace through education and advocacy.

## **Multi Issue**

### **Institute for Policy Studies - [www.ips-](http://www.ips-dc.org)**

[dc.org](http://www.ips-dc.org) (202) 234-9382

with links to activists and scholars across the nation and around the world, the Institute serves as a bridge between progressive forces in government and grass-roots activists, and between movements in the U.S. and those in the developing world.

### **\*American Friends Service Committee**

**(AFSC) - [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)** (215) 241-7000

carries out service, development, social justice, and peace programs throughout the world.

### **Foreign Policy In Focus -**

[www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org](http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org)

(505) 388-0208

The overriding goal of the Foreign Policy In Focus project is to forge a new global affairs agenda for the U.S. government and the U.S. people—one that makes the U.S. a more responsible global leader and global partner.

### **Compassionate Listening Project -**

[www.coopcomm.org/compassion](http://www.coopcomm.org/compassion)

a free downloadable guide to compassionate listening, a unique tool for reconciliation.

## **Alternative Media**

**AlterNet - [alternet.org](http://alternet.org)** (415) 284-1420

**Black Voices in Commentary - [www.trottergroup.com/index.html](http://www.trottergroup.com/index.html)**

**British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) - [news.bbc.co.uk](http://news.bbc.co.uk)**

**Common Dreams – [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)** (207) 775-0488

**Haaretz - [www.haaretzdaily.com](http://www.haaretzdaily.com)**

**Independent Media Center (indy Media) - [indymedia.org](http://indymedia.org)** (410) 243-2471

**Middle East Times - [www.metimes.com](http://www.metimes.com)** +44 (0) 20 7820-4188

**New California Media (ethnic media) - [news.ncmonline.com/news](http://news.ncmonline.com/news)** (415) 503-4170

**\*The Nation - [thenation.com](http://thenation.com)** (212) 209-5400

**Truthout - [www.truthout.org](http://www.truthout.org)** (213) 489-1971

**U.N. Wire - [unwire.org](http://unwire.org)** (202) 454-8901

**Yellow Times - [www.yellowtimes.org](http://www.yellowtimes.org)**

**Z Net - [www.zmag.org](http://www.zmag.org)**