Let History Judge

As President Bush enters the final year of his presidency, it is clear that the war in Iraq is a disaster. The United States has already suffered more than 1,000 deaths, and the cost of the war has exceeded $1 trillion. The government has failed to provide adequate support for veterans and their families, and has continued to deny the victims of the war the justice they deserve.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Participate in protests against the occupation.
- Write to your Congress member.
- Vote in the national election.
- Support Historians Against the War (HAW) through contributions to our website, www.historiansagainstwar.org.
- Spread the word about the war on Iraq.
- Organize educational forums and events to educate others about the war.
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WHO WE ARE

HAW was founded in January 2003. We are a national network of historians committed to opposing U.S. military intervention and occupation. We engage in public educational campaigns involving lectures, publications, and other activities. We also work to support human rights and democratic movements around the world.

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throwback to colonialism, not an exercise in democracy. The Middle East is littered with the ruins of failed empires—Ottoman, British, French—and widespread death and destruction. It has made the Middle East more dangerous, not less. When claims about Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction proved to be false, the United States in Iraq alone was more dangerous than the weapons it sought to eradicate. The Middle East is not a threat to the United States; the United States is a threat to the Middle East.

We call upon the United States government to immediately cease all offensive actions, begin the prompt withdrawal of all U.S. troops, and transfer responsibility for security to Iraqi authorities with the assistance of the international community, as the most urgent priority for recovering Iraqi sovereignty.

THE U.S. OCCUPATION AND IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY

Peace and justice: The United States, with its powerful arsenal and its record of global intervention, has long been seen as a threat to the world community. The United States must renounce the unilateral doctrine of “pre-emptive” war and move toward a new international order that respects the rights of self-determination, and in which the United States is not the central power. The United States must begin the process of transferring power to the Iraqi people and the Iraqi government, and move toward a new international order that respects the rights of self-determination, and in which the United States is not the central power.

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LET HISTORY JUDGE

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A word from President Bush: "We won’t know what we did until the last American soldier comes home."

But the world already knows what Bush did. Over 4,000 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraq, and thousands more have been injured. The United States has spent over $700 billion on the war, and the cost continues to rise. The United States is fighting a war on the United States, and it is time for the United States to stop fighting this war and start working for the betterment of the world.

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