



The Bush Agenda: War, Greed, Hate and Lies — Felt at Home

Join us in New York City on August 29 to Say No to the Bush Agenda!

After coming to power through a stolen election, the Bush Administration has waged two unprovoked wars of aggression resulting in the loss of 53,000 Afghan and Iraqi lives, as well as 1,000 US troops; increased military recruitment among young people in immigrant, working class and communities of color; targeted immigrant communities with detention and deportation; and curtailed basic civil liberties with the creation of the USA Patriot Act which allows unprecedented government access to personal records, emails, telephone conversations and allows physical searches and wiretaps based on a person's political beliefs. The \$280 billion surplus that Bush inherited has turned in to a record \$372 billion deficit. States are slashing funding for everything from healthcare to education; unemployment soars with over 3 million jobs lost since Bush took office; and Americans without health insurance increased by 2.4 million between 2001 and 2002 to a total of 44 million. Meanwhile Bush responds with two huge tax cuts that benefit the most wealthy.

Costs of War So Far...

Invasion of Iraq: \$26 billion; Ongoing military operations in Iraq: \$3.9 billion/month; in Afghanistan: \$1 billion/month
Supplemental funding for Fiscal Year 2003: \$62.4 billion; 2004: \$65.8 billion; 2005: \$50 billion
Total budget proposed for military spending FY 2005: \$450 billion, or \$50 million every hour.

Veterans

The House Budget Committee approved a \$25 billion reduction of funding for veterans health care and benefit programs over the next ten years, including a cut of \$9.7 billion in veterans' health care.

Tax Breaks for the Rich

\$350 million tax break passed in 2003 gave each American millionaire an average of \$93,500 but gave only \$217 to the average middle-income American. The parents of 12 million children received nothing. If the tax cuts become permanent as the budget proposes, \$4.2 trillion would be added to the national debt.

Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Will...

Cut \$789 million from Section 8 housing assistance. Cut \$13 billion in child abuse prevention.
Cut \$1.4 billion from 38 programs from the education budget and Perkins college loans by nearly \$100 million but add \$50 million for private school vouchers. Freeze funding (for 3rd consecutive year) for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which provides child care assistance for low-income families and early education services to the country's poorest children.

Attacks on Immigrants

In 2001 under the Patriot Act: total deported: 176,984; total exiled: 1,430,766
Since 9/11, over 3,000 immigrants mainly Muslims, Arabs, and South Asians have been rounded up and disappeared by the INS, and heavy border security polices have contributed to discrimination, abuse and violence against immigrants in the border regions. Over 13,000 who attended Special Registration now face deportation.

Women

In Nov. 2003, Bush signed into law the "Partial Birth Abortion Ban," the first federal legislation to criminalize a medical procedure, which could outlaw safe abortion procedures. Bush has also terminated the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach and the Equal Pay Matters Initiative.

We march on August 29 to say No! to the Bush Administration's destructive policies. Assemble at 10:00AM at 14th Street & Seventh Avenue; march steps off at noon.

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