



Chicana/o Educators Say No to War

"... As an organization of Chicana/o educators concerned with social justice for three decades, we are deeply troubled by U.S. actions and policy since the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Our origins lie in the struggle against a racist educational system built on the colonization of the Southwest. We see today's "Permanent War Against Terrorism" in essence as another expression of imperialist policy.

... The U.S. has been waging a war in Afghanistan and its people in the name of ending terrorism, with more countries likely to follow including the so-called Axis of Evil. We have to ask: Why is this country bombing and killing people who have suffered so much war and poverty - people who are poor and brown like so many in Chicano communities?

... At the same time we see a war at home also waged in the name of anti-terrorism. This war includes the attack on immigrant rights, a drastic assault on civil liberties, cutbacks in spending on education in favor of the military, and a rise in racial targeting throughout the nation.

... The NACCS stands opposed to both the war at home and abroad. In particular, we call for an end to the attacks on the Afghan people and the repeated threats of war against Iraq. We also see the need for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied lands and a just peace for the entire area. In this hemisphere we call for an end to the U.S. Navy use of Vieques as a bomb and military test site and an end to its growing military support for anti-insurgent repression in Colombia. We also demand an end to the violation of civil liberties, immigrant rights and other denial of justice here at home."

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