

A Wake Up All Call!

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The need to arouse the broader public with an antiwar message is as urgent today as it was in 2003 when this photo was taken at the time the U.S. was about to launch war on Iraq.

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The more we can educate the better! We really need to reach outside our comfortable "choirs" of those who agree with us to the larger (ignorant, apathetic) public, either through demonstrations or through sharing news and photographs with those friends, relatives, and citizenry who are not paying attention to the issues of war and war crimes. The wars and war blowback are not over but worsen daily. As speakers said at the Washington D.C. event, the situation under the Obama Administration is far worse than it was under Bush.

We are perched on the brink of watching a new war break out, this time on Iran. It will be a repeat of the destructive invasion of Iraq but many times worse not only in terms of the millions of people that will be killed in the Mid-east but also in terms of the blowback on the United States and Israel. And yet almost no one speaks out here in the U.S.! The mainstream media and, with very few exceptions, both political parties have turned to war mongering. Not only do most of the congresspersons of both parties but Minnesota senators Klobuchar and Franken, both, accordingly give speeches in support of draconian sanctions (seen as war provocation), stopping diplomacy which will ultimately lead to war on Iran.

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