

# Outreach Talking Points

## **What am I agreeing to?**

That our government should immediately stop the war and bring all our troops home.

That's the main thrust of the fall campaign and the Oct 27 Regional Mobilizations.

There are a few 'linking' slogans related to the economic, social and political impact of the war—Fund Human needs, Not the War; Stop the Violence at Home and Abroad, No Wider Wars, and Defend Our Civil Liberties, Defend Immigrant Rights—but participating groups are free to elaborate on these as they see fit without everyone having to agree on any one group's approach.

## **What are we trying to do?**

To stop the war, primarily by helping the antiwar majority in the country get an independent, organized voice on a scale that cannot be ignored. We need many new organizations, and to enlarge existing organizations, to gain the capacity to exercise the popular power needed to compel the White, the Pentagon and the Congress to reverse course and end the war.

## **Am I supporting and party or candidate?**

No. The campaign is nonpartisan and is not endorsing any candidates.

But that doesn't mean we're anti-partisan. We encourage all campaigns and organizations of any party, and any elected officials, who will support our main demand, to join in this effort.

## **Am I supporting violence or battles with police?**

No. Our coalition is organizing a legal and peaceful effort, and is going to considerable lengths to make sure there are no problems. Some groups, especially faith-based activists, in the course of the three month period, may engage in sit-ins and other forms of civil disobedience of a nonviolent nature, but these are independent of our mobilization.

## **What, specifically, do you want me to do?**

To bring people you know who have never protested before, but oppose the war, out to our events. While we want to see a huge turnout, the numbers, however, are not the most important thing. We want you to help create new grassroots organizations of your neighbors, co-workers and classmates that can persist in this campaign until it achieves its goals and beyond.

## **My group is a 501C3 nonprofit. Does that stop us from taking part?**

Not at all. We are not telling anyone to vote yes or no for any particular candidate or any particular bill, so tax-exempt nonprofit organization have no legal obstacles to taking part..

## **Can I volunteer or come to a meeting?**

Certainly, we need all the help we can get. Representation in the planning meetings, however, is by organization, and the group holds the vote, not all the individuals who show up.