

To Socially Conscience Educators!

The war in Afghanistan is headed into its 9th year. Over one million Iraqis are dead, 5 million have been displaced from their homes, and despite President Obama's promise to remove troops from Iraq, he is instead calling them advisors and leaving them in place. Obama is calling for a 92,000 troop expansion of the military and has announced a 35,000 troop surge into Afghanistan and an expansion into Pakistan.

Where are the troops to fight these wars of terror on the world going to come from? They are going to come from those who are in high school now; your students.

Because of the "No Child Left Behind Act" that requires high schools to give students' personal information over to the military, recruiters are given free reign to prey on the young in high schools across the country. They pull up in their hummers, walk right into classrooms and give presentations that make war seem like a video game.

If you find this situation unacceptable and think that schools should be places of learning and not cheap labor depots for the U.S. military, then bring the We Are Not Your Soldiers Tour to your school!

The We Are Not Your Soldiers Tour is a nationwide effort by The World Can't Wait, to bring the reality of the occupations in Afghanistan and Iraq to thousands of high school students, telling the stories of the veterans themselves and to stop military recruiting. We are looking for teachers and students to help arrange classroom presentations and school assemblies which would include:

- A presentation by Iraq/Afghanistan vets speaking about what their experience in the military and a World Can't Wait youth organizer, followed by an open discussion.

-A short survey that students would take to give us all a sense of what they think.

Imagine if school administrations and teachers didn't allow recruiters onto campus! Imagine if students looked at recruiters as the predators they are and no longer considered the Army a legitimate "career option." We need a culture of defiance and resistance to military recruiters in high schools across the country.

This tour desperately needs funds. We are competing with the military's annual billion dollar advertising campaign. Donate \$25, \$50, \$100 so that We Are Not Your Soldiers can reach youth in every corner of society!

To request this tour to your school contact us at: 347-385-2197 or visit our website wearenotyoursoldiers.org

Sincerely,

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