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# Students Against War Teach-In Series: Teach-In #1: Anti-War Sentiment at the University of Minnesota. Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 5:00 P.M. Amundson Hall Room 240 University of Minnesota East Bank

All across the country students are holding demonstrations, teach-ins, and passing anti-war resolutions in the face of a potential war on Iraq. However, up until now there has been no real way to determine how pervasive this sentiment was, or what the reasons were for it. In December of 2002, Students Against War members conducted a large and in-depth survey of over 275 University students regarding their views on the potential war on Iraq. The survey covered numerous aspects of a potential war, ranging from general views on President Bush's foreign policy, to limits under which support for a war could be extended, to students' views on the potential motivations for and consequences of a War On Iraq.

To our knowledge this is the first such survey conducted at a major U.S. university, and indeed the first of its kind conducted anywhere among a sizable student population. The January 30th Teach-In will be the first public unveiling of the results of the survey, and will also offer some possible courses of action based on the results. After the presentation we will be opening up the floor to questions from the audience.

This event is free and open to the public. It is the first part in a series of Teach-Ins that will feature hosts on a variety of topics from the First Gulf War and the effects of the U.N. Sanctions program on Iraq, to media coverage of the anti-war movement, local weapons producers, the local impact of war, and much more. Confirmed guest speakers include:

- February 6th, 2003: Chante Wolf: Gulf War Veteran and current Veterans for Peace Activist
  - February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003: Phil Steger: Executive Director, Friends for a Non-Violent World and leader of numerous humanitarian delegations to Iraq.
  - Professor Peter Ehinger: Professor, William Mitchell College of Law, National Lawyers Guild Member
  - Scott Lademann: Columnist with the Minnesota Daily
- More to follow...

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## What Is The War On Terrorism?

- ▶ As of December 6<sup>th</sup>, an estimated 3700 civilians had been killed as a direct result of the U.S. bombing campaign in Afghanistan, (1). This does not include deaths by starvation or malnutrition due to blocked aid during the bombing. Nor does it include deaths past the date of December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Since November, the FBI has raided and frozen the assets of over 62 money-sending organizations, most of them Somali, including several in Minneapolis, (2). An estimated 60-85% of people in Somalia depend on these organizations in order to receive money for food, clothing, and medicine, due to extreme poverty caused by Somalia's decade-long civil war.
- ▶ An unknown number of people, most of them immigrants, have been detained post-September 11<sup>th</sup>. Many of their names have not been released, and many of them have yet to be charged with a crime.
- ▶ The Federal PATRIOT Act allows the government to conduct roving wire and internet taps, military tribunals, and incarcerate immigrants without cause, (3).
- ▶ U.S. troops are now being sent to the Philippines, an act which not only violates the Philippino constitution, but is likely to entail more civilian casualties (4).

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