

Another Mother for Peace

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VOTE FOR PEACE!

Has a nice ring to it, yes? In the upcoming election, there are no “peace” candidates, but differences between the two major-party candidates do exist.

John McCain’s war-ending strategy requires that two main conditions be achieved prior to withdrawal of American troops: the defeat of Al Qaeda and a self-governing Iraq. He says, “When Iraqi forces can safeguard their own country, American troops can return home.”

McCain’s strategy is to prolong the involvement of the American military in order to achieve political and economic goals. “Iraq’s government needs support to better deliver basic services – clean water, garbage collection, abundant electricity, and above all, a basic level of security – that create a climate where the Iraqi economy can flourish.” Continued American troops, and maybe more surges, too, are required to achieve McCain’s Iraq nation-building goals.

Barack Obama says that he will engineer a “phased withdrawal” of American troops from Iraq over sixteen months after he becomes President. Obama’s target date to conclude the withdrawal is the summer of 2010.

“Phased withdrawal” does not mean an end of American troop presence in Iraq, but Obama declares that there will not be any permanent American military bases. However, he foresees a permanent “residual force” in Iraq to protect Americans and continue anti-terrorism operations aimed at Al Qaeda. There are no apparent pre-set conditions as in the McCain plan.

McCain’s regional diplomatic strategy relies on America’s military might. Calling for “international pressure” on Syria and Iran, McCain asserts, “The United States must...bolster its regional military posture to make clear to Iran our determination to protect our forces and deter Iranian intervention.” Barack Obama calls for diplomacy to reach a “comprehensive compact” on the stability of Iraq and the region. He supports the recommendations of the 2006 Iraq Study Group Report calling for a regional summit that would include both Iran and Syria.

But our country is addicted to war and, regardless of who takes the presidential oath of office in 2009, we still have to work for peace. What else demands our attention? *Militarization. Energy. Non-Violent Conflict Resolution.*

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The United States spends more on “defense” than all other countries combined. Fifty-four cents out of every dollar you send to the IRS goes to equip and maintain the world’s most powerful military force. Neither Senator McCain nor Senator Obama has said he would shrink the military budget. Mothers, fathers, concerned citizens, students, and veterans: We must continue to pressure Congress, the President, your family, friends, and neighbors to direct our tax dollars to social needs, not war.

America’s foreign policy is driven by the necessity of assuring access to oil and natural gas regardless of the country in which they are found. Until Congress and the President commit to a carbon-free future, the U.S. will continue to use armed force to control a disproportionate share of the world’s oil. Together, all of us can support energy policies that rely on renewable sources – and no nukes.

From the State Department to the playground, bullies plague our society. Fortunately, there are proven methods for resolving conflicts without resorting to pushing or shoving, invading or bombing. Mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons: Support funding for community mediation centers and the teaching of communication skills to children and adults; advocate for negotiations between nations in conflict; and lobby for whole-hearted participation in the world’s parliament, the United Nations!

VOTERS FOR PEACE – WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.
WE MUST CONTINUE TO CONVEY OUR MESSAGE THAT
WAR IS NOT HEALTHY FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER LIVING THINGS.

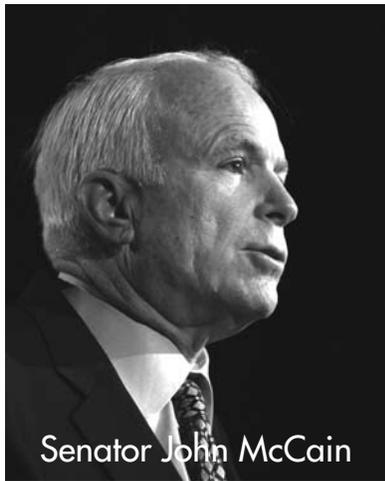
Peace Homework

- ✓ Contact each Presidential Candidate. Remind them: “We are committed to the moral principle that war is obsolete and that peaceful methods must be creatively sought and implemented to resolve international differences. Respect for the lives of all sons and daughters in all countries is a value we all cherish.” Our Post Cards for Peace campaign has been a huge success! Thanks to the thousands who have already sent the above message to our candidates.
- ✓ Call one friend each day in the week before the election and make sure they are going to vote. Then call them back on Tuesday, November 4th to make sure they’ve done it. If you can help any voters in the community to get to the polls, be available to do so – remember, every vote counts!
- ✓ Get to the polls on November 4th and vote for the candidate whom you believe will do the most to bring peace in Iraq and continue to work for nonviolent conflict resolution the rest of their presidency!

VOTE !!!!!!!

Remember that all Senators and Representatives can be reached through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

DID YOU KNOW ?



We want a president who will bring 'em home and take care of them when they return!!!

Here's Another Mother's overview of the candidates' voting history:



	2002	
For	Authorizing use of military force against Iraq.	<i>Not yet in the Senate</i>
	2006	
Against	Amendment to increase Veterans' medical services by \$1.5 billion.	For
Against <i>(Only one of 13 Senators voting against the funding)</i>	2006 \$430 million to fund outpatient care and treatment for veterans.	For
	2006	
Against	Motion to redeploy troops out of Iraq by July 2007	Against
	2006	
For	Legislation to fund military operations in Iraq ("Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act).	For
	2007	
Against	Non-binding legislation calling on President Bush to begin pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq.	For
	2007	
Against	Motion to provide for a "reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq."	For
	2007	
Against	Legislation to specify minimum periods between deployment for members of the Armed Forces in Iraq.	For
	2007	
Against	Motion declaring that Congress has the authority to cut off funds for use in Iraq.	For
	2007	
For	\$100 million supplemental Iraq War Funds Bill.	Against

PLACARDS FOR PEACE MARCHES AND VIGILS

Another Mother for Peace is offering 14" x 22" cardboard placards with our "War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, to carry at peace marches and vigils. The placards can be held up with one (or both) hands, or they can be mounted on small wooden sticks.

We have been shipping placards to AMP supporters who want to distribute them at peace events in their communities. Our logo is now visible at demonstrations throughout the country.

If you are interested in receiving a shipment of 25 – 50 placards to use at upcoming peace events, we would like to talk to you. AMP requests \$25 to help offset our costs, so we can send more placards to more people. Since they cannot be rolled like posters, we cannot ship individual placards. Either send an email <411@anothermother.org> or call our toll-free number, 800-763-4670, giving us your contact information — we'll be in touch to discuss the details. You must agree not to sell the placards.

Let's continue to spread our message of peace!



Peace Materials

Pax Materna Poster \$15.00
Original AMP purple poster (4¾" x 34") from 1985.

"No mother is enemy to another mother" and our "War is not healthy..." logo in 18 languages. On the back is our Pax Materna.

THE PAX MATERNA

I JOIN WITH MY SISTERS IN EVERY LAND
IN THE PAX MATERNA —
A PERMANENT DECLARATION OF PEACE
THAT TRANSCENDS OUR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
IN THE NUCLEAR SHADOW, WAR IS OBSOLETE.
I WILL NO LONGER SUFFER IT IN SILENCE
NOR SUSTAIN IT BY COMPLICITY.
THEY SHALL NOT SEND MY SON
TO FIGHT ANOTHER MOTHER'S SON.
FOR NOW, FOREVER, THERE IS NO MOTHER
WHO IS ENEMY TO ANOTHER MOTHER.

Medallion \$15.00
"War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, approximately 1" x 1¼". Available in gold or silver metallic finish.

Note Cards \$15.00
Boxed set of 10 cards with matching envelopes. Our "War is not healthy..." logo in color on the front. Inside is blank.

Embroidered Patch \$5.00
Our beautiful "War is not healthy..." sunflower logo on a 3" x 3½" patch to sew or iron onto clothing, backpacks, etc.

Letter Seals \$2.00
40 self-adhesive seals per sheet. Stamp-size seals with "War is not healthy..." logo. Put these on your mail (and everything else!).

Bumper Stickers \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00
Another Mother for Peace
Another Family for Peace
Another Voter for Peace

Large Poster \$20.00
Reproduction of the original 1966 AMP large poster (22" x 26") with our "War is not healthy..." logo on a bright yellow background.

Prices do not include tax or shipping.

Please visit www.anothermother.org for a complete list of our Peace Materials and to order online – or use the enclosed order form.

Another Mother for Peace is a non-profit, non-partisan association dedicated to eliminating the use of war as a means of solving disputes among nations, people and ideologies.

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