

"Working men and working women of America! Let us swear by all that is dear to us and all that is sacred to our cause, never to become a soldier and never go to war!...

"The working men of America have it in their power to foil this monstrous conspiracy; to slay the demon of destruction and put an end to war here and everywhere, now and forevermore."

"Capitalist wars for capitalist conquest and capitalist plunder must be fought by the capitalists themselves so far as I am concerned, and upon that question there can be no compromise and no misunderstanding as to my position....

"I am opposed to every war but one; I am for that war with heart and soul, and that is the world-wide war of social revolution. In that war I am prepared to fight in any way the ruling class may make necessary."

For these statements, and many more like them, the American government sent Debs to jail for "sedition," where he continued his antiwar activities, including making a run for President.



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The United States has started another war against Iraq.

We think there are some things every citizen should know about it...



The President is lying about Iraq.

George W. Bush has worked hard to sell this war. There have been repeated claims that Iraq is developing weapons, perhaps biological or chemical weapons, perhaps even nuclear weapons, and plans to use them against Israel, or, somehow, against the United States. The Bush Administration has offered no evidence for these claims, and has no intention of providing any.

The target is domestic political dissent, not Iraq.

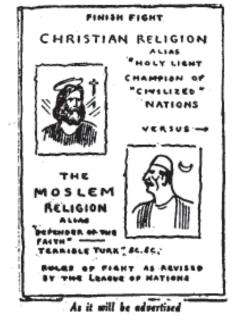
What Bush calls the "War on Terrorism" is all about providing political cover for the right-wing Republican agenda: tax cuts for the rich, more public resources given away to big corporations, more government spying on citizens, stamping out labor unions. Bush needs war to stifle opposition to his domestic program.

Starting the war was a war crime.

Under international law, it is a war crime to attack, or threaten to attack,

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another country that has not first attacked us. Iraq has not attacked us. The men who gave the orders to attack Iraq are war criminals, as surely as the war criminals who have stood trial in The Hague for genocide.

There are already too many victims.

Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children have died as a result of United States sanctions against Iraq following the first Gulf War. Many more innocent civilians will die in this war. Those who survive will likely face even harsher conditions than before. And many more Muslims around the world, witnessing this brutal anti-Islamic crusade, are becoming convinced that we are their enemy.

Will you stand silent?

The Bush Administration is hoping you will. They cynically expect that you will put your morals aside and let war crimes be committed in your name. They think you're scared and ignorant enough to go along with anti-Arab racism. They think you can be hoodwinked into giving up your Constitutional rights for the illusion of security. Prove them wrong. Join us in resisting the war.