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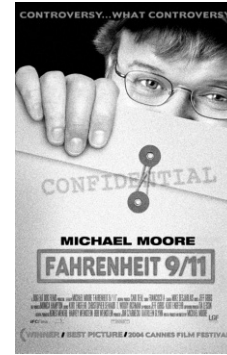
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Join a Peace Group and Help End the Occupation of Iraq

There are hundreds of groups around the country working for peace and opposing the military occupation of Iraq. Some peace groups that have chapters in many cities and towns include Peace Action (www.peace-action.org), American Friends Service Committee (www.afsc.org), and CODEPINK: Women for Peace (www.codepinkalert.org). You can also find local peace groups in your city and state by searching for “peace and justice groups” at www.unitedforpeace.org. If you don’t want to attend peace group meetings, you can just join their email lists to find out about when you should call Congress about issues you care about or when there’s going to be a big protest in your community. Good email lists to join are www.codepinkalert.org, www.globalexchange.org, www.moveon.org, www.truemajority.org, www.workingforchange.com, and www.unitedforpeace.org. These groups also need your financial support, so consider making a donation!

Educate Your Family and Friends

If all of our family and friends were informed about what’s really happening in the back rooms of the White House, on the streets of poor communities in the U.S., and on the ground in Iraq, we wouldn’t be in the mess we are in. But most of us are relying for our information on television news, which gives us our information in soundbites and often parrots the government line. Even worse, how many people are getting their news from right-wing shows like the O’Reilly Factor and Rush Limbaugh? You can educate yourself by turning to independent media outlets. Try the websites www.common-dreams.org or www.alternet.org; read the local alternative weekly newspaper; watch Free Speech TV (www.freespeech.org), and listen to your community radio station or local Pacifica Radio affiliate (www.pacifica.org). Don’t miss the radio show Democracy Now! (www.democracynow.org). For Iraq news, see www.occupationwatch.org. Then get out there and start arguing with your conservative father and co-worker.

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