

To College Students: Make Your Winter Break Matter

For the College students who have been actively organizing on their Campus or are outraged by the Bush Regime's relentless drive to transform society in a fascist way- come to New York City and Washington D.C during your Winter Break. We face a future of horrors under this regime and you should be one of the dozens of students who volunteer out of the National Office and mobilizing on the ground in D.C. When Bush stands in front of the world to deliver his State Of the Union Address he must be drowned out with an undeniable voice heard around the world of: STEP DOWN, STEP DOWN, BUSH MUST GO

DRIVE OUT THE BUSH REGIME!

Take a look around you. Whole villages are being barb-wired shut, made into literal prisons in Iraq, and far more horrors like this have been promised for other countries. Torture is being committed, justified and legalized by the U.S. government—and, just as ominously, this is more and more being ACCEPTED by millions. A major city was literally destroyed by a natural disaster, and the Bush regime responded (and didn't) in a way that left thousands needlessly dead, hundreds of thousands needlessly and forcibly displaced, and made crystal clear the regime's priorities and plans for Black people. Experts have said that sea level globally could rise at least 15 feet because of global warming. A close advisor to President Bush was declared unfit to serve a lifelong term on the supreme court by a rabidly conservative Christian fundamentalist movement that wants to change the whole way this country is run, and will not take "no" for an answer.

The America we've grown up with is never coming back. We're either going forward into Bush's future--or into one for, and forge ourselves. Think about it. Driving this Regime Out: Is there anything else that can meet the enormity of the challenge we face, and wouldn't this make an impact on the whole world that would be cheered and welcomed by BILLIONS of people?

This winter break, we're asking college students to do something that's really going to matter with the time they have away from their studies. We're asking them to come to Washington D.C and be part of mobilizing tens of thousands of people to strip this regime of its legitimacy and demand Bush Step Down and take your whole program with you. Be part of leading the movement to force out what one Nobel Laureate Playwright has referred to as "the most dangerous force in history".

In the lead-up to November 2nd, I answered a call to come to NYC because I knew that the role played by the National Office in sparking and leading this movement in all parts of this country was crucial to its ability to gain the kind of breadth and scale that would be needed—from tiny towns to sprawling cities—if we're actually going to have a fighting chance of forcing out this regime and the program it concentrates. Essentially, I said, "fuck it. I can deal with sleeping 5 hours a night on an air mattress in someone's living room for a few weeks if it will mean I can make a serious contribution to how the future of humanity plays out."

Young people should do some thinking in these times about what their place is in the larger world and how that relates to changing it. There is something to be learned from the experience of college kids dropping out in their thousands in the 1960s out of disgust at the way this country and the world were being run, shifting their priorities to make changing the world be the main thing in their lives. There is both a defiance and a freedom that students our age tend to have, and this needs to be uncorked and allowed to contribute to truly beautiful and urgently needed things. It's time for young people to step up to the plate and throw in on making the demand "BUSH: STEP DOWN and Take Your Whole Program with you!"—something that can't be ignored in this country. Spend part of your winter in NYC and D.C to help make it happen. The Future is at hand. What are you gonna do?

-Jack Orleans, National Student/ Youth Organizer

*Volunteer in the National Office and talk to Students and Youth around the country who are emailing and calling into the office. Dozens of youth from around the country contact us each day about how to start chapters in their area. I live in LI New York. I would like to contribute to this resistance movement and organize something in my area. I was hoping for some suggestions to get started in this process. I have strong political views but I have never done anything like this before; I am 22 years old and I live in a community where social issues are pressed greatly and I have never done much in any such efforts. Please assist me in my aspirations to contribute to further social realization and well-needed reform. Thank you for stepping forward in this matter and know that so many people have been waiting for someone to begin this kind of movement. (excerpt of a letter sent into the National Office) Work with teams mobilizing for the State of the Union Protests demanding: "Bush: Step Down and Take Your Whole Program With You!"

*We need students who can volunteer to work with Media teams, writing and sending out press releases, setting up Radio Interviews, breaking this movement into the popular culture and beaming out this Demand to millions around country.

*We are talking about something on a scale that can really make a huge change in this country and in the world. We need more than fighting Bush's outrages one at a time constantly losing ground to the whole onslaught. Tens of thousands, from all walks of life, took part in history on Nov.2nd and we need take a leap in bringing forward a

TREMENDOUS critical mass gathering for the State of the Union Address. Be part of a team writing and meeting with Unions, Religious Leaders, Community Organizers, H.IV/AIDS activists, Women's Rights Groups and voices of conscience that need to be part of a movement to derail the ENTIRE program of the Bush regime.

*Live and work with youth organizers from around the country who will be taking the lead in realizing the plans that are made at the upcoming National Organizers' Conference in NYC.