

Workers confront the war

Videos from *Labor Beat* about working people opposing the war and the culture of war



Resolution 53: How the AFL-CIO Stood Up Against the War

At its 2005 Convention, the AFL-CIO for the first time passed a resolution against an ongoing war—the war in Iraq. Shows the preparations to this breakthrough, how U.S. Labor Against the War worked to strengthen the Resolution Committee's initially weak resolution, how it used the momentum of its 2005 Iraq Labor Tour and the 18 anti-war resolutions passed by labor bodies around the country, and how Resolution 53 was amended. Also, the Resolution 53 debate on the Convention floor, the Iraq Forum immediately after the resolution passed, with labor representatives from Iraq and Kurdistan. A turning point in labor's fight against the war. Narrated. 28 min.

Stop the War—Sept 24, Washington, D.C.

The Fall 2005 massive anti-war march in Washington, D.C., as seen through the eyes of veteran videographer Steve Dalber. Begins at the headquarters of the AFL-CIO, where, for the first time in history, a labor anti-war rally (organized by USLAW) kicked off the big union contingent that then marched to the protest rally site. We also follow the George Galloway entourage, and get an interview from Galloway. The documentary ends at the Vietnam Memorial, where a minor tussle erupts after war protesters are told that they can't get near the "wall" if they're wearing peace buttons. And more. 29 min.



The AFL-CIO's Foreign Policy and N.E.D. Money

On eve of 2005 AFL-CIO Convention, workers discuss reforming Federation's foreign policy and the influence of funding from the National Endowment for Democracy. Kim Scipes, Labor Educator, talks about the history of the AFL-CIO's entanglements with the foreign policy interests of American Imperialism. Also, interviews with trade unionist Fred Hirsch, long-time critic of AFL-CIO foreign policy. Scenes of floor discussion on foreign policy resolution and reactions of supporters of "Build Unity and Trust Among Workers Worldwide" resolution, including Jeff Crosby, North Shore (Mass.) Central Labor Council and member of AFL-CIO Convention Resolutions Committee. 29 min.

U.S. Labor Against the War 2003 Founding Convention

The historic 2003 founding convention of U.S. Labor Against the War in Chicago. Highlights of speeches by Bill Fletcher (TransAfrica Fund); Joclyn Williams (Pres. Wash. DC Metro AFL-CIO); Iraq labor reports from Clarence Thomas (Past Sec.-Treas. ILWU 10) and David Bacon (labor journalist), members of USLAW delegation to Iraq; Amy Newell (USLAW) and Daniel Gluckstein (International Liaison Committee) on the international campaign. Nancy Wohlforth (Sec.-Treas. OPEIU) summarizes. Nearly 200 delegates representing one hundred labor organizations. The unions participating represented more than 500,000 workers and were joined by 14 Central Labor Councils, state union organizations and other regional bodies representing additional hundreds of thousands of workers. 29 min.



Save Senn, Stop Ren 2010

The Chicago Public Schools are becoming militarized and privatized. Senn High School is a large multi-cultural high school on Chicago's north side, and the school community—from students, teachers, parents and local residents—have stood up against a plan to convert part of their high school into a Navy academy. Anger erupts at a meeting in the auditorium which includes the Navy spokesperson walking out in frustration. The video also covers a related story of opposition to the Renaissance 2010 plan for privatizing over 60 public schools, with interviews of spokespeople from SEIU Local 73 and Kenwood Oakland Community Organization. 29 min.

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