

MEMORIAL DAY 2009: Promote Peace, Not War

On this Memorial Day we ask: *How many more deaths will we have to mourn?*

Simdara village schoolchildren, Afghanistan; Image courtesy Central Asia Institute

No military solution will work in Afghanistan. Even President Obama's advisers say that war in Afghanistan "cannot be won on the battlefield." We want President Obama to succeed in office and turn our economy around. We don't want to see the Afghanistan war destroy his Presidency as the Vietnam War did Lyndon Johnson's.

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Afghanistan/Pakistan

- **Killing civilians creates enemies.** Stop military activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan that indiscriminately kill civilians such as air and drone strikes.
- **Military might can't solve social and political problems.** Afghanistan needs as defined by Afghans must drive the solutions.
- **Withhold funding for expansion of military operations in Afghanistan.** Instead, address the real needs of Afghans and Pakistanis, which include health-care, clean water, education, women's rights and security.
- **Emphasize regional peace building.** Promote a regional contact group, under the auspices of the UN, to support Pakistan and India in resolving their conflict.

Remember Iraq

- **Speed up the withdrawal of all U.S. troops and private security personnel.** Support the formation of a UN and regional group to provide support for Iraqi efforts to construct a lasting peace.

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