

WHAT MAKES PEACE?

We the people to have an “inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Life:

- Negotiating conflicts to promote world security
- Supporting local anti-violence efforts



Liberty:

- Promoting constitutional democracies and US-like “Bill of Rights” worldwide
- Empowering citizens to ensure their rights

Pursuit of Happiness:

- Supporting economic & social justice
- Funding basic needs for the poor



IRAQ & AFGHAN WARS COST

\$1,077,145,211,086

<http://www.costofwar.com/>

Taxpayers in PA will pay **\$28.5 billion** for Total Defense Spending in FY2011.

Without wars, Pennsylvanians Gain

6,633,142	People with Health Care for One Year OR
1,863,022	University Student Scholarships for One Yr. OR
272,966	Affordable Housing Units OR
4,209,612	Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
425,716	Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
32,299,835	Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year

Why We Overfeed the Sacred Cow

The public and its elected representatives are subjected to a number of dubious techniques and arguments to persuade them to support huge military budgets:

- Cultivating fears of foreign enemies;
- Frightening workers that they will lose their jobs if defense spending is cut;
- Instilling false pride in U.S. global military leadership;
- Portraying too many overseas concerns as "vital interests";
- Perverting belief in America as a democratic role model into a justification for military intervention overseas;
- Accusing some politicians of being "soft on defense."

PEACE ACTION PHILLY SUPPORTS PEOPLE'S

LIVES by

- Demanding US negotiate its conflicts without preemptive strikes
- Urging US to collaborate in preventing wars

FREEDOMS by

- Urging US to support the growth of democracies
- Urging US to fund global use of alternative energy
- Helping citizenry enact its democratic responsibility

PURSUIT of HAPPINESS by

- Demanding federal commitment to fund food, shelter, education, and health care for all
- Promoting economic opportunity & social justice

PEACE ACTION PHILLY

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Monthly Meetings

- Climate Calamity vs. Safe Energy
- For our Children Abolish Nuclear Weapons
- Cost of Wars to YOU and the USA
- Replace Media Deception with Truth
- Corporate Control of US Economy

IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

War is NOT inevitable



because

PEACE EFFORTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Internationally: the United Nations

Nationally: Peace Action, American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Worker, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Greenpeace, True Majority, War Resisters League, Vets for Peace, Amnesty Int'l, UN Assoc., Phila. Collaborative Violence Prevention Center, Greenpeace, Progressive Democrats of America

PEACE EFFORTS

by Local Peace Groups

Build peaceful communities by counseling youth to choose education, not violence and by providing basic needed services