



# The Winter of Our Discontent

**Who** are we,  
and  
**why** are we here?

**Voices for Creative Nonviolence** campaigns to end the ongoing US military and economic warfare against Iraq. In the years prior to the second

Gulf War, many of us worked to end the economic sanctions which directly contributed to the deaths of more than a half million Iraqi children. A small number of Voices delegates lived in Baghdad during the US “Shock and Awe” campaign at the onset of the last Gulf War. All of us believe that the United States continues to wage war against Iraq to control the nation’s vast oil supply and to establish a secure base for a powerful U.S. military presence in the Middle East.

We are here in Washington, fasting in front of the US Capitol for thirty-four days, to lobby and campaign on behalf of:

1. an immediate end to the US-led occupation of Iraq;
2. the unconditional cancellation of the remaining \$33 billion dollars in war reparations imposed against Iraq by the UN and of all “odious debts” incurred by Saddam Hussein’s regime. We should not substitute US military occupation with economic dominance.
3. ending internationally mandated privatization of Iraq’s oil resources;
4. respecting the human rights of **all** Iraqis as guaranteed by international law; and
5. payment of reparations by the US to Iraq for the damage caused by the past 15 years of economic and military warfare and to fully fund the reconstruction of Iraq.

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