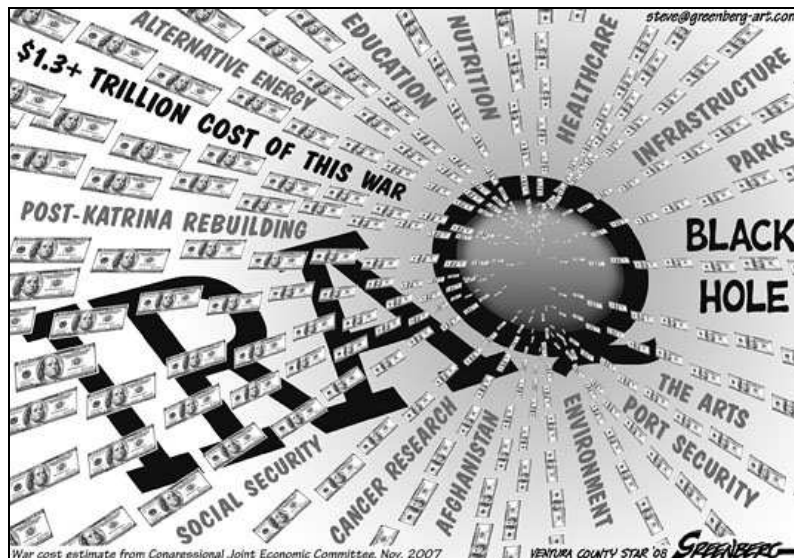




Rockland Coalition  
for Peace & Justice

# Join Us on March 20!

*At the Beginning of the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Iraq War*



The  
Wars  
are  
Devastating  
the  
American  
People!

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In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. warned that the Vietnam war “continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube.” And he declared “the war as an enemy of the poor.”

To date, our government has been fighting two long wars with no end in sight. These two wars are the enemy of not only the poor, but also the average American people!

**The Iraq and Afghan wars are the single biggest drain on the federal budget, \$1 trillion so far.** They have been funded by borrowing and by our tax dollars at a **cost to each Rockland family of \$22,000 so far!**

In reality, one in eight Americans, and one in four children, are on food stamps. Last year, 2.8 million families received foreclosure notices. Unemployment rate is at 9.7%.

**In these wars, 5,393 U.S. soldiers, over 1.2 million Iraqis, and countless Afghans have died.** 41,112 U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded. Nearly 20% of soldiers suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

**Can we continue to let our soldiers, Iraqis and Afghans die for the wars of aggression? Can we let our children pay for the war debt in trillions of dollars?**

In the week of March 20, peace groups across the nation will pour into streets calling for an end of wars NOW! Welfare NOT Warfare!

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**Join us on Saturday, March 20 at 1:00-3:00 PM  
at the 383<sup>rd</sup> peace vigil in Nanuet (Rt. 59 & Middletown Rd.)**

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