

# Stop War on Iran says: Clarity needed

- NO to U.S./Israeli Intervention in Iran!
- Boycott the Phony State Department/NED pro-war campaign

The ongoing crisis in Iran following the recent presidential elections has been a source of much misunderstanding and confusion in antiwar and progressive organizations, particularly in the United States. In the face of ongoing threats of military action against Iran, especially recent remarks by Vice President Joe Biden that gave a green light for an Israeli attack, the antiwar movement must be clear in its opposition to any attack, or to the propaganda used to justify such an attack.

## Here are some points to consider:

- **Democracy?** If the protests were progressive, why did all the corporate politicians and media outlets in the United States and Europe support them? The United States government has never been interested in democracy for the people of Iran, and was a key player in the overthrow of the democratically elected President Mossadegh in 1953. This coup installed the brutal regime of the shah, which was funded and armed by the U.S.

- **Elections?** The U.S.-based corporate media attacked the Iranian elections as fraudulent, even though the results matched those of polls taken before the election. Washington's hypocrisy is

particularly striking, since the U.S. refused to recognize the elections in Palestine that brought Hamas into office, and has worked to crush the Hamas government.

- **The Role of the Corporate Media.** Why is it that the corporate media provided round-the-clock coverage of the protests in Iran, but was virtually silent about the coup in Honduras? Did these stations ever give even a fraction of this much coverage to the protests against the war in Iraq, even when hundreds of thousands of people marched?

- **"Humanitarian" Cover for War Propaganda.** Shortly after Vice President Biden's statements giving Israel the green light for an attack on Iran, a website campaign called "United 4 Iran" appeared, calling for protests against the Iranian government on July 25. A close look at United 4 Iran reveals that groups set up to advance U.S. foreign policy, like the National Endowment for Democracy and the International Republican Institute, fund the organizations behind this campaign. (These same groups have been linked to the coup in Honduras and the attempted coup in Venezuela.)

***Join Stop War on Iran for a special forum and discussion***

**Saturday, August 1**

**4:00 PM**

at the

Solidarity Center

55 W. 17th St. 5th Fl. in Manhattan btw. 5th and 6th Avenues

Subway: F or V to 14 Street; 1, 2, 3 to 14 St. and 7th Ave., 4,5,6, R, Q, N to Union Square.

Participants will include: Ardeshir Ommani, co-founder of the American-Iranian Friendship Committee; Sara Flounders, co-director of the International Action Center; John Catalinotto, International Action Center; Phil Wilayto, Campaign Against Sanctions & Military Intervention in Iran; Manijeh Saba, an Iranian human rights and women's rights activist; Dustin Langley, a Navy Veteran and organizer with the Stop War on Iran Campaign.

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