

**The Progressive Faculty Network of the University of North Carolina states its unequivocal opposition to the war against Iraq now being planned by the U.S. administration and President Bush. PFN opposes this war because:**

- hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of innocent Iraqis as well as many American soldiers could die or be wounded;
- there will be massive suffering by the Iraqi population due to the disruption of the civil infrastructure that now meets its basic survival needs;
- there is no credible evidence that the Iraqi regime has weapons of mass destruction that pose a genuine threat to the United States or any other government supporting its campaign for war against Iraq;
- there is no credible evidence that the Iraqi regime has supported Al-Qaeda or any other group seeking to harm the population of the United States;
- the "preemptive" waging of U.S. war against Iraq violates international law;
- the de facto U.S. unilateral prosecution of war against Iraq violates the international dispute settlement system based on the United Nations and the rule of law;
- the United States has no right to control the vital resources (such as oil) of another sovereign nation;
- such a war will create deep and pervasive enmity against the United States among the peoples of the Middle East, who would see it as a war directed not only at Iraq, but also against them and against the religion of Islam;
- such a war would create the prospect of a permanent colonial occupation of the people of Iraq by the militaries of the United States and its proxy allies;
- such a war would be an enormous waste of financial and other resources by the U.S. government at a time of pressing domestic and international needs.

This statement of opposition against the war now being planned against Iraq is not a statement of support for the government of Iraq or its policies or abuses, nor do we oppose an equitable inspection arrangement by the United Nations that applies not only to Iraq, but to all other governments suspected of having unmonitored weapons of mass destruction, including the United States.

**We call on the U.S. government to cease its current efforts to prepare for and engage in war against Iraq, and we ask all members of the University community to oppose these efforts for as long as necessary to bring the threat of war to an end.**

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