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The Progressive Caucus

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presents

Exiting Afghanistan, Part 1: Voices on the Ground

with special guests

Norman Solomon

Sonali Kolhatkar

Rick Reyes

and Marcy Winograd

Featuring a clip from the Robert Greenwald film

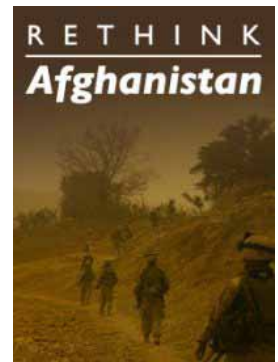
Rethink Afghanistan

Saturday Nov 14, 6:00 pm

at the Progressive Caucus Meeting

CDP E-board Meeting in San Diego, Nov 13-15, 2009

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, San Diego, CA 92109



Norman Solomon, journalist, media critic, and anti-war activist is the author of a dozen books including "War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death." He's a member of the CDP State Central Committee and a national co-chair of the Healthcare NOT Warfare campaign launched by Progressive Democrats of America. Norman was an elected Obama delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the 6th Congressional District (Marin and Sonoma counties). In 1997 he founded the Institute for Public Accuracy, a national consortium of policy researchers and analysts, which works pro-actively to provide alternative sources for journalists, and serves as its executive director.

Rick Reyes is a former Marine Corporal who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since coming home in 2004, he has become increasingly disenchanted with our foreign policy and actively speaks out against the occupation of both Iraq and Afghanistan. He also spoke in front of the Foreign Relations Committee chaired by John Kerry on April 24th 2009 in opposition to the escalation in Afghanistan. He is a member of IVAW Los Angeles Chapter and part of the Rethink Afghanistan campaign with Robert Greenwald's organization Brave New Foundation. He is now a businessman in Los Angeles.

Sonali Kolhatkar is the founder, host and producer of Uprising, a daily morning drive-time program based at KPFF-FM, Pacifica Radio in Los Angeles. Uprising's weekly digest is syndicated to more than a dozen stations nationwide. She has reported for Pacifica from all over the world, including Brazil, India, and Afghanistan, and has been recognized by community organizations including the South Asian Network, Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance for her work in radio. Sonali is also the co-director of the nonprofit organization, the Afghan Women's Mission, which works in solidarity with the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan. She is the co-author of Bleeding Afghanistan: Washington, Warlords, and the Propaganda of Silence.

Marcy Winograd is the Co-Chair of the Foreign Policy Committee of the Progressive Caucus and a founder of Progressive Democrats of America's LA chapter. Challenging Blue Dog corporate Democrat Jane Harman in the 2010 congressional primary, Winograd is running on a platform that calls for bringing our troops home from Afghanistan. Says Winograd, "We should invest, instead, in single-payer health care, world class public-education, and career-path jobs in the new Green economy." In 2006, Winograd jumped into the race only three months before the primary, yet was able to mobilize 38% of the vote. As a delegate to the CDP, she has successfully authored resolutions and platform planks to end the US occupation of Iraq and stop a U.S. military attack on Iran. To support her campaign, visit winograd4congress.com or Marcy Winograd for Congress on Facebook.