

BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

THEY LIED LAST TIME! THEY'RE LYING NOW!

AN ATTACK IRAN IS BOTH ILLEGAL AND CRIMINAL

**WE MUST NOT BECOME A NATION OF BYSTANDERS.
WE ARE ALL INVOLVED. WE CAN AND MUST BE PARTICIPANTS.**

TO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL:

We, the citizens of the United States, respectfully urge you, courageous men and women of our military, to refuse any order to preemptively attack Iran, a nation that represents no serious or immediate threat to the United States. To attack Iran, a sovereign nation of 70-million people, would be a crime of the highest magnitude.

Following the orders of your government or superior does not relieve you from responsibility under international law. Under the Principles of International Law recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal, complicity in the commission of war crime is a crime under international law.

Our leaders often say that military force should be a last resort. We beg you to make that policy a reality, and refuse illegal orders to attack Iran. We promise to support you for protecting the American public and innocent civilians abroad.

**OUR FUTURE, THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN, RESTS IN YOUR HANDS.
YOU KNOW THE HORRORS OF WAR. YOU CAN STOP THE NEXT ONE.**



BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

The Bush Administration's charges against Iran have not been proven.

Neither the development of nuclear weapons, nor providing assistance to Iraq would, if proven, constitute justification for an illegal war.

An attack on Iran might prompt the formidable Iranian military to attack U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. Thousands of our soldiers might be killed or captured as prisoners of war. A U.S. attack against Iranian nuclear facilities could also mean the deaths, from radiation poisoning, of tens of thousands of innocent Iranian civilians. The people of Iran have little control over their government, yet would suffer tremendously should the U.S. attack. Bombing raids would amount to collective punishment, a violation of the Geneva Convention, and would surely sow the seeds of hatred for generations to come. Children make up a quarter of Iran's population.

Above all, we ask you to look at the record of our actions in Iraq, which U.S. intelligence admits is "a cause celebre for jihadists" – a situation that did not exist before we attacked. We must face the fact that our rash use of military solutions has created more enemies, and made American families less safe.

Diplomacy, not war, is the answer.

What Can We Do Together

Every member of Congress needs to hear from his/her constituents. Contact friends and relatives who live in other areas and urge them to call, write or visit their representatives with a clear message to:

Stay Out of Iran.

Representative Barbara Lee

Washington Office - 202-225-9817 • Oakland Office - 510.763.0370

e-mail address - <http://lee.house.gov>

Senator Barbara Boxer

Washington Office - 202-224.3553 • San Francisco Office - 415.403.0100

e-mail address - <http://boxer.senate.gov>

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Washington Office - 202-224.3841 • San Francisco Office - 415.393.0707

e-mail address - <http://feinstein.senate.gov>

Bay Area Women in Black are Jews and allies who stand against militaristic and fundamentalist leadership in all countries, including our own. We wear black as a sign of mourning for all the Iraqi, Israeli and Palestinian lives that have been lost as a result of war, militarization and violence. As part of the international movement of Women in Black, we seek to transform women's mourning for the dead into a powerful refusal of the inevitability of war.