

Louisville Peace Communities are vitally concerned about the following issues:

➤ Upholding human rights & abiding by international law in United States foreign policy

Internet sites for information and education:

<http://www.unhcr.ch/udhr> Universal Declaration of Human Rights (in 300 languages)

<http://www.amnesty.org> Amnesty International--- worldwide movement for people who campaign for human rights

<http://www.crimesofwar.org> Crimes of War project---journalists, lawyers and scholars seek to educate the public about the laws of war and promote understanding of international humanitarian law.

<http://www.hrw.org> Human Rights Watch seeks to prevent discrimination, to uphold political freedom, to protect people from inhumane conduct in wartime and to investigate and expose human rights violations

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org> (HIC) Humanitarian Information Center for Iraq is an initiative of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

<http://www.counterpunch.org/weiner05282003.html> A critique of the Project for the New American Century, thought to be the engine of current foreign policy. (For PNAC, see <http://www.newamericancentury.org>)

➤ Upholding civil liberties, encouraging economic/social justice and peace domestically.

Internet sites for information and education:

<http://www.aclu.org> American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) works daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States

<http://www.cbpp.org> Center on Budget and Policy Priorities explores fiscal policy issues and issues affecting low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

<http://www.nationalpriorities.org> National Priorities Project (NPP) offers citizen and community groups tools and resources to shape federal budget and policy priorities which promote social and economic justice.

<http://uspirg.org> The state Public Interest Research Groups are an alliance of state-based, citizen-funded organizations that advocate for the public interest. We uncover threats to public health and well-being and fight to end them, using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposes, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation.

➤ Upholding freedom of information, exploring issues of media access and control

Media watchdog sites

<http://www.fair.org/counterspin> FAIR (Fairness & Accuracy in reporting) offers well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship. Their mission is to invigorate the First Amendment by advocating for greater diversity in the press and by scrutinizing media practices that marginalize public interest, minority and dissenting viewpoints.

<http://www.lyinginponds.com> Lying in Ponds is an attempt to encourage vigorous, independent commentary in the American punditocracy by quantifying and analyzing partisanship.

<http://www.publici.org> The mission of the Center for Public Integrity is to provide the American people with the findings of investigations and analyses of public service, government accountability and ethics related issues.

<http://www.takebackthemediamedia.com> Take Back the Media is a cooperative project by progressive American citizens dismayed at the pro-government, pro-corporate bias shown by American media.

Alternate Media resources

<http://www.alternet.org> Altnet is an information resource where pressing issues are subject to examination and debate; the website is designed to serve as an "online helper," an "infomediary."

<http://www.commondreams.org> Common Dreams provides breaking news & views of the progressive community

<http://electroniciraq.net> Electronic Iraq aims at presenting a range of reportage and a humanitarian perspective in documenting the US occupation and the rebuilding of Iraq

<http://www.accuracy.org> Institute for Public Accuracy seeks to broaden public discourse by gaining media access for those whose perspectives are commonly drowned out by corporate-backed think tanks and other influential institutions.

<http://www.merip.org> Middle East Report provides news and perspectives about the Middle East not available from mainstream news sources.

<http://www.pacifica.org> Part of Pacifica Radio's mission is to obtain access to sources of news not commonly brought together in the same medium and to employ varied sources in the public presentation of accurate, objective, comprehensive news on all matters vitally affecting the community

<http://www.tompaine.com> TomPaine.com seeks to enrich the national debate on controversial public issues by featuring the ideas, opinions, and analyses too often overlooked by the mainstream media

<http://www.truthout.com> Truthout provides readers with critical news and commentary on world events; articles are collected from multiple news sources

local peace & justice: www.louisvillepeace.org