



some good news
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Dear Friends and Colleagues

I am happy to report some good news concerning the DVD *Why Are We in Afghanistan?*

- It has just won the Studs Terkel Prize for Media and Journalism from the Working Class Studies Association.

- It was selected into the Reel Works Labor Film Festival in Santa Cruz, Calif.

- A Teacher Guide is now available for free that shows how to use the DVD to meet state and federal standards in social studies.

- The *New York Teacher* (City Edition), publication of the United Federation of Teachers (AFT Local 2), representing over 100,000 members, has published a review encouraging teachers in New York City to use the DVD. The review characterizes the DVD as "useful and comprehensive," "sober, professionally done and fact-filled," and "partisan but also scrupulously fair." Here's the link to the full text: <http://www.uft.org/news/teacher/briefs/>.

- United University Professions, the union (AFT 2190) representing 34,000 faculty and professional staff at the 32 campuses of the State University of New York, is distributing copies of the DVD to every campus with a new "Anti-War Committee Organizer Start-up Kit" that contains the Teacher Guide and a series of fact sheets, FAQs, bibliography, and suggestions for organizing anti-war education and activities. We hope that the DVD and Kit will play a wider educational role now that the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) convention has passed a resolution calling for the immediate start to the rapid, orderly, and full withdrawal of all US military and contractors from Afghanistan, and for an educational campaign among its membership. See the full resolution at <http://www.uslaboragainstawar.org/article.php?id=22030>.

Please go to <http://www.WhyAreWeInAfghanistan.org> (NOTE - there's no question mark in the URL) to see the DVD, download the free Teacher Guide, and buy the DVD *Why Are We in Afghanistan?* for your own information and the educational needs you have on this question.

best wishes

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