

Carbon emissions and the Iraq war: It's about the oil.

- **We in the US are less than 5% of the world's population.**
- **Yet we use 39% of the world's energy and that amount is rising.**
- **Our nation emits 28% of all the world's greenhouse gases.**
- **Yet our oil imports are expected to rise from 11.5 to 19.7 million gallons a day.**
- **The Pentagon is the world's largest buyer of oil and our nation's largest user of energy— 5 billion gallons a year, 85% of all government use.**

Unless we drastically revise how our society uses fossil fuels we, and future generations, will end up living on a very different planet. As we learned from Hurricane Katrina and, as the chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently stated, "It's the poorest of the poor in the world, and this includes poor people even in prosperous societies, who are going to be the worst hit."

FACT: Our dependence on imported oil - predicted to rise over the next 20 years to 70 percent of the nation's total oil supply - is the determining factor of U.S. Middle East policy.

To guarantee our unfettered access to Middle Eastern oil, successive US administrations have devised a political and military strategy based on the propping up of corrupt monarchies and governments, supporting the overthrow of those governments that threatened our control of oil resources and securing military bases from which we could enforce our policy. The Bush administration's war on Iraq is the latest military adventure designed to secure our continued access to oil.

As Vice President Dick Cheney famously stated regarding the Bush Administration's energy policy and the Iraq war: "The American way of life is non-negotiable."

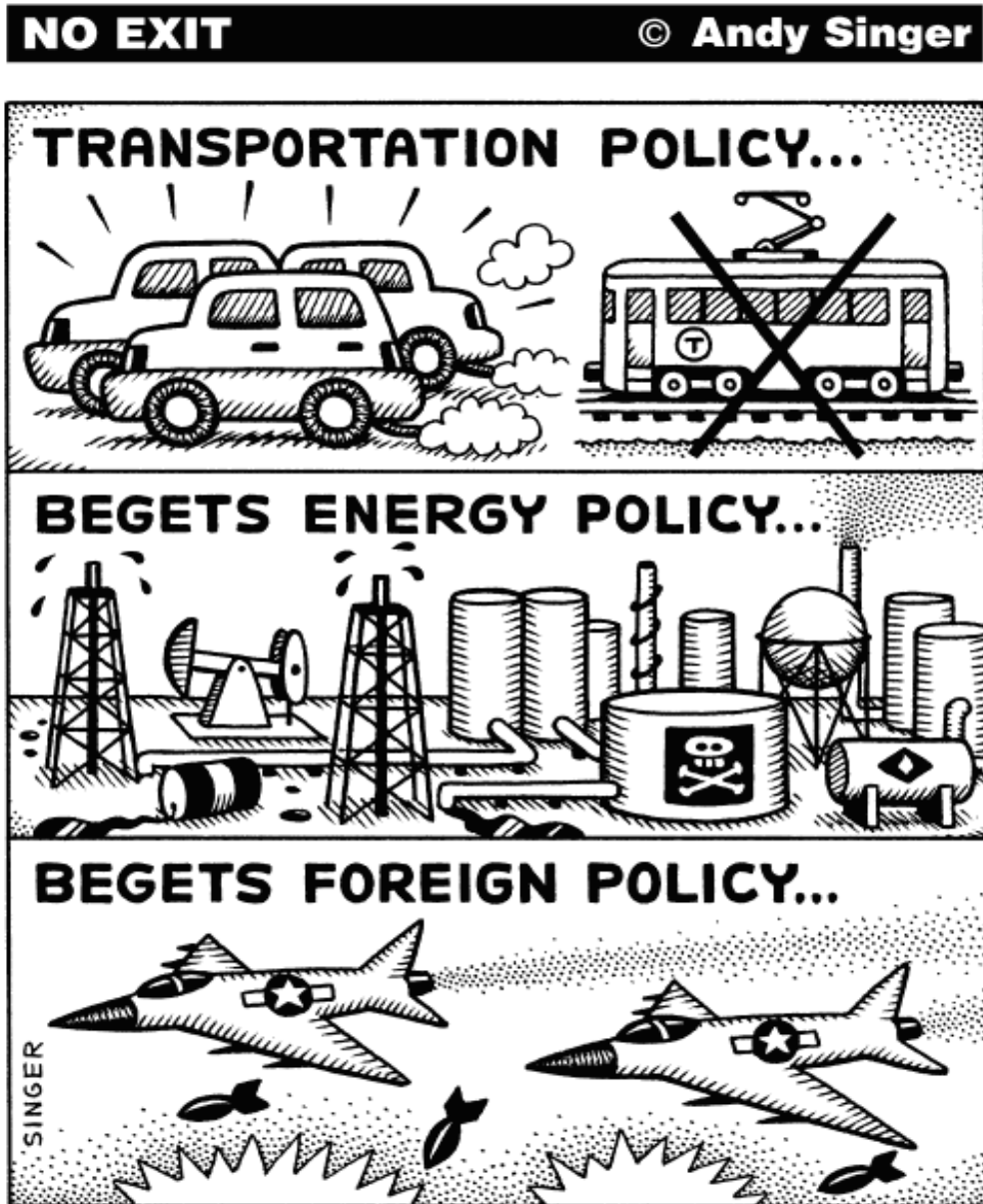
The past 50 years of development of U.S. society has been based upon massive subsidies to the oil and coal industries and the strengthening of a military force to protect those interests internationally.

Simultaneously we have witnessed the abandonment of the inner cities, the destruction of mass transportation, the death of the electric car, and a systematic failure to invest in solar energy.

The environmental and anti-war movements can work together to reduce carbon emissions and end the Iraq war.

For contact information regarding our Fort Greene/Clinton Hill peace & justice group see the other side of this flyer.

Can Oil and Peace Mix?



A Fort Green/Clinton Hill peace and justice group is forming to work to end the Iraq war and to build a better world with a real future.

We work with Brooklyn Parent's for Peace.

If you would like to join us, or learn more about us:

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