

# LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE

2003 DOCUMENTARY FILM (50 min)

Directed, Produced, Filmed and Edited by Deb Huston and Janet Fuchs/ Mindgarden Media

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## USE THIS FILM FOR POSITIVE CHANGE!

YOU CAN HELP distribute this film to non-profit, peace and justice, and political organizers as a fundraising, motivational, and "get out the vote" tool. Screen it at community centers, churches, veterans' centers, libraries, on cable access channels, at political gatherings and in private homes. We provide an Action Kit which includes flyers, press release, a moderator's script to facilitate discussion and a community action plan.

**VIEW THE TRAILER • DOWNLOAD THE ACTION KIT • ORDER THE FILM at:**

<http://www.letmycountryawake.com>



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50 minute documentary film

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The film was created in response to unbalanced reporting that ignored millions of Americans, in concert with millions worldwide, who denounced the Bush Administration's rationale for war. In the film, Julian Bond exposes the early lies of the Bush administration and calls for regime change at home. Angela Davis attacks Bush's pre-emptive strike policy. Desmond Tutu applauds the voice of the people, equating it with the voice of God, as they rally for peaceful solutions rather than war.

Our goal is to distribute this film to non-profit, peace and justice, and political organizers, particularly in swing states, as a fundraising and "get out the vote" tool. **Use this film to help defeat the Bush administration in 2004.** Screen it at community centers, churches, veterans' centers, libraries, on cable access channels, at political gatherings and in private homes. We provide an Action Plan Kit that includes a flyer, press release, a script to aid screening moderators with discussion and a sample Action Plan to help focus outreach and community mobilization efforts. The printed materials can be modified to include each organization's information and logo.

Go to [www.letmycountryawake.com](http://www.letmycountryawake.com) for the downloadable Action Plan Kit, a video trailer, and ordering information.

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## SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR *Let My Country Awake* SCREENING MODERATOR:

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our screening of *Let My County Awake*. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to welcome you on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

(non-profit or community organization sponsoring screening). We feel it is extremely important to show this documentary and bring these images to our community. Many other communities across the country are screening this film and having similar discussions designed to lead to grassroots action. We'll pass out an Action Plan form when the film concludes, and hold a discussion about possible Action Plans through which you can make your voice heard to achieve political and social reform.

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The film was created in response to unbalanced reporting that ignored the millions of people who recognized the deceptions of the Bush administration, and who passionately denounced Bush's dangerous and immoral plans for war.

Thank you all for taking the time from your busy lives to view this film and support our organization.

### 2. SCREENING

After credits roll, pass out **Action Plan**.

### 3. DISCUSSION

I hope you enjoyed seeing this documentary. *Let My County Awake* was created by Deb Huston and Janet Fuchs, two independent filmmakers in Los Angeles.

Although mainstream media sent reporters and camera crews to anti-war rallies, very little footage was broadcast. Janet and Deb were shocked by this pervasive lack of coverage by the national media. They felt a deep sense of responsibility to bring these images to light and focused their outrage by financing this film themselves. It is their hope that the film will inspire a call to action by those who view it.

They are actively seeking funding from foundations and individuals to help distribute this film, so that communities across the country can host screenings like the one we are having today. If you wish to contact them about possible

funding sources, they can be reached through the film's website at:  
[www.letmycountryawake.com](http://www.letmycountryawake.com). If you wish to purchase a copy of the film:

***Moderator outlines appropriate scenario.***

- 1) We have copies for sale in the lobby. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the work of our organization \_\_\_\_\_  
(non-profit or community organization sponsoring screening)

**OR**

- 2) You can purchase a copy on the filmmakers' website at:  
[www.letmycountryawake.com](http://www.letmycountryawake.com)

We'd like to begin discussion tonight with your thoughts and impressions.

- 1) First of all, how many of you saw some mention of these marches in our local media?
- 2) Did any of you see coverage of local anti-war activities prior to March 18, 2003?
- 3) Have you seen coverage of local anti-war activities after March 18, 2003?
- 4) What does it mean to attend an anti-war rally before your country has declared war?
- 5) Does it mean something different to attend an anti-war rally after your country has declared war?
- 6) How can we find constructive ways to support our troops while opposing the war and the Bush Administration's foreign policy?
- 7) What are some possible solutions to the current situation in Iraq?
- 8) What can you do at a local level to make your voice heard?
- 9) Let's review the Action Plan we've passed out

**4. ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION**

We have passed out an **Action Plan**, which suggests some action items, should you be looking for a way to make your voice heard. (**Moderator:** review the items in the **Action Plan** giving time for possible suggestions of additional items not listed.)

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (non-profit sponsoring the screening), I would like to thank you again for attending. I hope that the screening has provided helpful images and words of people who have felt the call to action to avoid war and promote peace.

**SAMPLE ACTION PLAN:**

1. Call your members of congress and tell them how you feel about:

- A) the current administration's leadership vis-a-vis the war in Iraq
- B) the need to build and use diplomatic avenues to avoid such conflicts in the future
- C) \_\_\_\_\_
- D) \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. House of Representatives: \_\_\_\_\_  
(How to find your representatives: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>)

U.S. Senate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(How to find your senator: <http://www.senate.gov>)

2. Register to vote and support voter registration efforts by organizations, such as:  
NAACP ([www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org))  
DNC ([www.dnc.org](http://www.dnc.org))  
America Coming Together (<http://www.americacomingtogether.com>)  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Write an Editorial/Letter to the Editor of a local newspaper and/or television station:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Visit the website for *Let My Country Awake* [www.letmycountryawake.com](http://www.letmycountryawake.com) and order a copy of the documentary you saw today. Pass it around to your neighbors, sponsor it on the local cable access station, at our local art house cinema, veterans' center, church, college, or host a house party screening.

5. Sign up on [democracyforamerica.com](http://www.democracyforamerica.com) to advertise your own house party screening. Just list your information and they will advertise the even on their website. (<http://www.democracyforamerica.com/>)

6. Share your impressions of the film and of the current situation in Iraq with the people in your life, especially college students. Encourage them to vote. Tell them why their vote matters.

7. Volunteer with the DNC to drive anyone who needs a ride to the polls in our community, or make calls to remind voters to go to the polls and vote.

8. Sign up for voter registration drives, democratic meetups, and special events being held in our community. Check the following organizations online for news of events: [americacomingtogether.com](http://americacomingtogether.com).

unitedforpeace.org  
democracyforamerica.com  
moveon.org

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## The Swing States

In the 2004 presidential election, the political battlefields will be in swing states. These are states that do not vote consistently for Democrat or Republican candidates, but have mixed voting histories. It will be in these swing states that the next president will be selected.

Below and to the right is a map with the results of the 2000 election and to the left is a list of what are considered the swing states for the 2004 election.

The swing states in **Blue** went for **Al Gore** in the last presidential election, those in **Red** went for **George Bush**, both are followed by the state's electoral votes.

**Arizona** -- 10  
**Arkansas** -- 6  
**Colorado** -- 9  
**Florida** -- 27  
**Iowa** -- 7  
**Louisiana** -- 9  
**Maine** -- 4  
**Michigan** -- 17  
**Minnesota** -- 10  
**Missouri** -- 11  
**Nevada** -- 5  
**New Hampshire** -- 4  
**New Mexico** -- 5  
**Ohio** -- 20  
**Oregon** -- 7  
**Pennsylvania** -- 21  
**Tennessee** -- 11  
**Virginia** -- 13  
**Washington** -- 11  
**West Virginia** -- 5  
**Wisconsin** -- 10

