

DARK PROBLEM



Corporate media's control of public debate is a huge obstacle to peace, justice and democracy in America today. Our problem is not apathy but ignorance. We are the most professionally misinformed people in the modern world.

BRIGHT SOLUTION



Amy Goodman and her show *Democracy Now!* are the ghostbusters of Corporate America. In Howard Zinn's words, "Amy Goodman is an extraordinary journalist, in the grand American tradition of Lincoln Steffens, Heywood Broun, I.F. Stone, carrying their brilliant investigative reporting into the new realm of broadcasting. Her contribution to our culture is unique bringing information and ideas to her listeners which they cannot see in the major media." - Just imagine the difference this could make - a full hour of real non-corporate news and propaganda-free truths available every day in every home in the state.



CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE

Get *Democracy Now!* onto Maine Public Radio as a daily news program by March 2003.

Democracy Now! is a loud, open speaking, fearless thinking, non-commercial radio news hour

broadcast daily on the Pacifica Network and now carried on 120 stations nationwide. DN! anchor Amy Goodman is a bold and vehement champion of non-violence, social justice, civil liberties, labor struggles, and human rights, and has an amazing array of journalism awards to show for it. DN! reports on many issues and views that are vital to the practice of democracy, but are routinely suppressed by mainstream media. For example:

- the rapidly spreading civil opposition to an Iraq attack, Columbian intervention, and perpetual war in general;
- the scores of towns and cities organizing to repudiate the Patriot Act;
- corporate media concentration, the news "business", and the profits of fear, continuous crisis, and war propaganda;
- media reluctance to probe the still "unanswered questions" of 9/11;
- the accelerating corporate control of all branches of "our" government;
- the oil industry's dominant influence on energy planning, environmental regulation, and now, foreign policy;
- the racial bias apparent in the "War on Drugs", the "War on Terror", urban policing, and use of the death penalty.

DN! also offers in-depth interviews with insightful but media-shunned figures like Michael Moore, Greg Palast, Noam Chomsky, Jim Hightower, Cornell West, Edward Said, Ani Difranco, et al.

In sum, we believe regular broadcast of DN! in Maine could open a luminous clearing in the propaganda fog around us, and help revitalize citizen activism and democratic debate across the state.


If you have never experienced the program, you can get a fast impressive taste at the *Democracy Now!* website: www.democracynow.org.



Current Campaign Signatories

- 2nd Maine Militia
- Alliance for Democracy - Maine Chapter
- Bangor Area Central Labor Council
- Beehive Design Collective
- Belfast Arts Council
- Big Medicine
- Brunswick Peace Works
- Chewonki Foundation
- CLEAN Maine
- CONA (Citizens Offering New Alternatives)
- College of the Atlantic
- Community Action Network for Sustainable Organizing
- Farmington Area Local Food
- Farmington Area Women in Black
- Forest Ecology Network
- Justice, Ecology & Democracy Center
- Katahdin Center
- Labor Party of Southern Maine
- League of Latin American Citizens
- Let Cuba Live - Maine Chapter
- Maine AFL-CIO
- Maine Council of Churches
 - Episcopal Diocese of Maine
 - New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - New England Conference, United Methodist Church
 - Presbytery of Northern New England, Presbyterian
 - New England Meeting, Religious Society of Friends
 - Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland
 - Northeast District, Unitarian Universalist Association
 - Maine Conference, United Church of Christ
- Maine Democratic Party
- Maine Global Action Network
- Maine Green Independent Party
- Maine Independent Media Center
- Maine Labor News
- Maine Women's Labor Institute
- Midcoast Challenge Corporate Power Forum
- MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assoc.)
- New Hampshire Peace Action
- Northern Peace & Justice Center
- Pax Christi - Maine Chapter
- Peace Action Maine
- Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine
- Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County
- Peninsula Peace & Justice - Penobscot
- PICA (Peace through Interamerican Community Action)
- Portland Community Association
- Portland Tenants Union
- POWER (Portland Organization to Win Economic Rights)
- ROSC (Resources for Organizing & Social Change)
- SEA-Change
- Seacoast Peace Response
- Southern Maine Central Labor Council
- Student Activists for Freedom and Equality
- Teamsters Union Local 340
- The Good Life Center
- The Real Democracy Project Dover, NH
- Veterans for Peace - Maine Chapter
- UNH Peace & Justice League
- Western Mountains Peace Action Workshop
- Witness for Peace - Maine Chapter
- Women's International League for Peace & Freedom - ME

Amy in Maine
 "Free Speech & Independent Media
 In A Time of War"



Amy Goodman
 Host, Democracy Now!
 Speaking on free speech and the independent media in a time of war

2/21 7:00 U of M - Orono
 2/22 1:00 Colby - Waterville
 2/22 7:00 USM - Portland

Hear & Meet

Amy in Maine!

All Events Free and Open to the Public
 { but donations will be gratefully accepted }

2/21/03 7:00 PM **Orono**

U of M, Donald P. Corbett Hall, #100
 Sponsors: Maine Peace Action Committee, Peace
 & Justice Center of Eastern Maine & WERU-FM
 For more information: 581-3860

2/22/03 1:00 PM **Waterville**

Colby, Olin Science Bldg, Hall #1
 Sponsors: Movement for Global Justice, Maine
 Indy Media Center FMI: 649-5980

2/22/03 7:00 PM **Portland**

USM, Luther Bonney Auditorium
 Sponsors: the USM Philosophy Department
 with The Arthouse Coalition, Big Medicine, CTN
 Channel 4, Maine Indy Media Center, Portland
 Public Access, Sound Ecology and WMPG-FM
 FMI: 775-0270

For more info on the campaign,
 Democracy Now! or Amy's Maine
 appearances, visit our website:
www.nancho.net/dn2maine/
 or call Big Medicine 207-967-2390



The War and Peace Report

Democracy Now! has just launched *The War and Peace Report*, which focuses on the impending war with Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, and the "War on Terror" at home. In addition, *The War and Peace Report* continues to bring listeners other breaking news stories of the day. *The War and Peace Report* includes:

"Iraq Journal: on-the-ground reports from our award-winning producer Jeremy Scahill in Iraq. The reports include snapshots of the lives of ordinary Iraqis and explorations of how a massive US attack will affect civilians. They also include interviews with key players inside Iraq, tours of hospitals and weapons factories, and in-depth analysis, such as how Iraq's oil reserves figure in US government motives.

- Interviews with the people who are most directly affected by the "War on Terror" in this country, including ex-detainees and family members of detainees.
- Interviews with experts, politicians and leading activists who disagree with the Bush administration and are ignored by the mainstream media
- On-the-ground coverage of anti-war protests
- Live debates between administration spokespeople and activists
- Performances by musicians/singers/artists whose work is marginalized in wartime
- In-depth analysis and discussion of other breaking stories, with topics ranging from corporate corruption to labor rights, police brutality to sexual abuse to gun violence, globalization to the environment.
- Some recent guests: former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter, former UN humanitarian coordinator to Iraq Hans von Sponeck, an African-American whose Pakistani husband was nearly deported and is still imprisoned, Arundhati Roy, Ani DiFranco, filmmaker Michael Moore, former CIA director James Woolsey debating ex-Attorney General Ramsey Clark, British MP George Galloway, Ralph Nader and Noam Chomsky.

How to Help

- If you can help sign up an endorsing group, PLEASE do so immediately and send details to bigmed@nancho.net – group name, focus, address, contact, etc. (See our website for specifics and the text of the Appeal Letter.)
- Also if you know anyone on the MPBC Board (or someone who knows someone on the board), please begin lobbying at your own chosen speed. Other possible contributions:
- Write pro-DN! letters or op-ed pieces to local papers encouraging others to get involved.
- Beg, borrow or even buy copies of hot DN! videos to turn on kin, colleagues and friends.
- Grab a phone and become a charming self-appointed guerrilla telemarketer for Truth, Justice and the imperiled American way.
- Make CDs or tapes of compelling shows from the DN! program archives and pass them around to tech-challenged friends.
- Cruise our Democracy Now! campaign site, review our proposed plan, and imagine how this campaign might work better. Then tell us your artful suggestions and/or just go out and field test them on your own.
- Write passionate (and polite) notes of your own to MPBC. Quote liberally from program affiliate letters (see website), especially those that say DN! consistently outdraws "All Things Considered" and is proving to be a powerful fund-raising aid. (Tell them you're a member if you are; and if you're not, promise to become one if they start running Democracy Now!)
- Donate (tax-deductibly!) to DN! campaign c/o **Big Medicine, Box 13, Kennebunkport, ME 04046**

Address your letters, faxes, emails, phone calls, etc. to Mr. Charles Beck, Program Director, MPBC (Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation) 65 Texas St, Bangor ME 04401 Tel: 941-1010 Fax: 942-2857 Email: cbeck@mpbc.org

Next scheduled MPBC Board meeting:
 Tuesday, February 11, 2003 Lewiston