



## **✌️ A Message from young Black and Latina women of Bushwick:**

### **STOP KILLING OUR SISTAS IN IRAQ!**

- ⊙ We don't create wars. We don't benefit from wars. We don't want war!
- ⊙ Many of us know directly or know through our grandmothers what it mean to be invaded, colonized, kidnapped, and enslaved by invading forces – this is not anything we can support.
- ⊙ The police, border patrol, and military sexually assault women, and now their power is expanded!
- ⊙ This is a racist war and it impacts women of color worldwide.
- ⊙ Invading armies and police control have never liberated women. Only we can liberate ourselves.

### **FROM BUSHWICK TO BAGHDAD, WE WANT YOU OUT!**

- ⊙ The police in our communities and the military in Iraq are both occupying forces.
- ⊙ A police force that has time and again proven itself to be racist, sexist, classist, homophobic, and violent as an institution can never be expected to protect women in our communities from violence.
- ⊙ The War on Terrorism was used as an excuse to pass the Homeland Security Act, the Patriot Act, and the now the Patriot 2. These new laws LEGALIZE racial profiling, expand surveillance, and interrogation. Operation Impact in NYC has increased police presence and surveillance in communities of color.
- ⊙ By expanding the meaning of “terrorism,” they criminalize everyday acts of resistance.
- ⊙ Women's human rights are endangered when our civil liberties are trampled in the name of fighting terrorism.

### **STOP TURNING OUT BROTHERS INTO KILLERS!**

- ⊙ Military are trained to kill. This can't be turned off when they return home.
- ⊙ Spreading of macho mentality.
- ⊙ Domestic violence increases because military officers are at least twice as likely to be abusive to their partners and because such a disproportionate number of people of color are in the military, this means, women of color and children will be negatively affected.

### **BUSH, YOU WANT WAR, YOU GO FIGHT!**

- ⊙ Poor youth of color are targeted for the military and are being recruited heavily.
- ⊙ Women make up 16% of the military and the numbers are increasing.
- ⊙ Military recruiters have more access to young people than ever before.