

DIY Mass Postcard Mailing

This is a deconstructed example of a postcard we used just before the Gulf War started. Such mailings can be productive, but professional color printing with perforated tear-off cards is expensive for grassroots organizations. These can be cheaply printed on a home printer or at a copy shop and provided to people in digital format so that they can print them themselves. Even if people never mail the cards, it serves as education & inspiration.

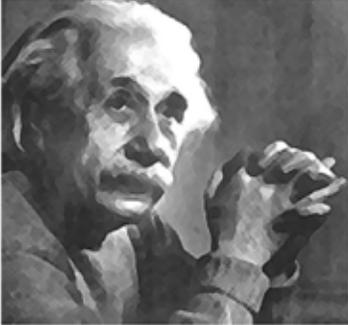
Legal size for a postcard is:

- Height: 3 1/2" min. / 4 1/4" max.
- Length: 5 1/2" min. / 6" max.
- Thickness: 0.007" min. / 1/4" max.

Currently, postcard rate is 34¢. If your card is bigger than this you will pay the 1st class 49¢ rate, so make sure your horizontal cut lines fall within these parameters.

Include the mailing addresses to the public officials you want the postcards sent to. For nation-wide issue such as this one, we would hope each person would send four cards: to the president, both senators and to his or her local rep.

Let people know who is behind this campaign and where they can go for more information.



"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."
Albert Einstein

Peace, not war, in Iraq



"Today there is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Cut out these postcards along the dotted lines, attach a 23¢ stamp and address them to:

<p>President George W. Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500</p> <p>Vice President Richard Cheney The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500</p> <p>Senator Phil Gramm 370 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-4302</p> <p>Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson 264 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>	<p>Congressman Charlie A. Gonzalez 327 Cannon House Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515</p> <p>Congressman Lamar Smith 2231 Rayburn House Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515</p> <p>Congressman Tom DeLay 2370 Rayburn House Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515</p> <p>Congressman Henry Bonilla 2458 Rayburn House Office Bldg Washington, DC 20515</p>
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Consider using the talking points (right), adapted from an article in Sojourner's Magazine by David Cortright. Sign your name. Make copies to pass out to your friends!

For more activist ideas, visit www.salsa.net/peace or come to the peaceCENTER, 1443 S. St. Mary's on any Thursday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Call 210-224-HOPE for more information.

War against Iraq would be monumental folly, for at least 10 reasons:

1. There is no justification for war. Iraq has not attacked or threatened the United States. It has not been implicated in the attacks of Sept. 11.
2. A military campaign against Iraq could kill thousands of innocent victims.
3. War and its aftermath would cost the United States tens of billions of dollars.
4. The military overthrow of Saddam Hussein would require U.S. forces to occupy Iraq in hostile circumstances for a long time.
5. If pressed to the wall by a U.S. attack, Saddam Hussein might use whatever weapons he possesses against the only targets he can hit, Israel or the advancing U.S. troops.
6. A U.S. war against an Arab nation would further destabilize the Gulf region and the Middle East.
7. War would stir further anti-American hatred, especially in Islamic nations. It would strengthen the forces of political extremism and lead to new suicide bombings against the United States and Israel.
8. Attacking Iraq would undermine the international cooperation needed to prosecute and block the funding of al Qaeda and other terrorist networks.
9. An unprovoked attack against Iraq would set a dangerous precedent of pre-emptive war that would undermine the very foundations of international security.
10. War against Iraq would violate the U.N. Charter and the principles of international law and lead to the further weakening of the United Nations.



This is the front of the card. We have left the back blank. If you have these filled out at an event and can collect them, they can be mailed in a big envelope or hand-delivered to a local office. More people will mail them if you provide the stamps, but that can get expensive -- don't worry if you can't.

Print this on 8 1/2 x 11" cardstock.



Include lines for cutting!



We prefer to give people the opportunity to write their own personal messages, but always provide some suggested points. If you prefer to have a standard message printed on the reverse of the card, still leave room for a personal message.