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Available for interview: Speakers at the Dec. 12 rally in DC against President Obama's troop escalation plan

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – The December 12 anti-escalation rally in Lafayette Park across from the White House will feature a list of prominent speakers, many of them available for interview before and after the event.

Among the confirmed speakers are several military veterans, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), Cynthia McKinney (2008 Green presidential nominee, former Georgia Rep.), Ralph Nader, former Sen. Mike Gravel (D-Alaska), Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Chris Hedges, and Rev. Graylan Hagler.

Reporters are invited to cover the rally, which takes place 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday, December 12 in Lafayette Park, Washington, DC. The rally, titled "No You Can't!", has been organized by the End US Wars coalition (<http://www.enduswars.org>). The rally will challenge President Obama's plans for more than 30,000 new US troops to be sent to Afghanistan, which he formally announced in a televised address on Tuesday, December 1.

Many of the speakers in the list below are available for broadcast, print, and online interview. (Organizations are mentioned for affiliation purposes.) To contact one or more speakers, call Laurie Dobson at 207 604-8988.

### Scheduled Speakers for the Dec. 12 rally (<http://www.enduswars.org/guide>)

- **Dennis Kucinich** US Representative (D-Ohio) and former presidential candidate, <http://www.kucinich.house.gov>
- **Cynthia McKinney** 2008 Green Party candidate for President, former six-term Democratic Congress woman from Georgia, <http://dignity.ning.com>
- **Mike Gravel** 2008 candidate for President, former two-term Democratic Senator from Alaska (1969-1981), <http://www.mikegravel.us>
- **Kathy Kelly** Center for Creative Nonviolence, thrice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, founding member of Voices in the Wilderness, <http://vitw.org> <http://users.erols.com/ccnv>
- **Chris Hedges** Pulitzer Prize winning author & journalist, most recent book *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*
- **David Swanson** [AfterDowningStreet.org](http://AfterDowningStreet.org), author of *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*, <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org>
- **Rev. Graylan Hagler** Senior Minister, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Washington, DC, <http://www.plymouth-ucc.org>
- **Gael Murphy** CODEPINK, <http://www.codepink4peace.org>
- **Coy McKinney** peace activist, <http://www.everythingology.com>

- **Debra Sweet** The World Can't Wait, <http://www.worldcantwait.net>
- **Brian Becker** International A.N.S.W.E.R., <http://www.answercoalition.org>
- **Mathis Chiroux** Iraq Veterans Against the War, <http://www.ivaw.org>
- **Lynne Williams** Green candidate for Governor of Maine in 2010, <http://www.lynnwilliams2010.org>
- **Betty Hall** 14-term member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives (D)
- **Elaine Brower** Military Families Speak Out, <http://www.mfso.org>
- **Marian Douglas-Ungaro** writer, DC Statehood Green Party, <http://www.dcstatehoodgreen.org>
- **Michael Knox, PhD** US Peace Memorial Foundation, <http://www.uspeacememorial.org>
- **Ralph Lopez** filmmaker, Jobs For Afghans, <http://jobsforafghans.org>
- **Captain Ron Fisher** US Navy (retired), WeThePeopleNow.org, <http://wethepeoplenow.org>
- **Colonel Ann Wright** US Army (retired), US State Department (retired), [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ann\\_Wright](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ann_Wright)
- **Rabbi Michael Lerner** founder of Tikkun, <http://www.tikkun.org>
- **Kevin Zeese** director of VotersForPeace.US, <http://www.votersforpeace.us>
- **Stephen Zunes, PhD** Professor of Politics and International Studies at the University of San Francisco, <http://www.stephenzunes.org>
- **Jared Ball** journalist, broadcaster on WPFW-FM in Washington, DC, <http://www.wpffw.org>
- **John Judge** co-founder of 911 CitizensWatch, <http://judgeforyourself.us>
- **Jay Marx** Proposition One, [www.prop1.org](http://www.prop1.org), Washington Peace Center, <http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org>
- **Christopher Towne** National Assembly to End the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, <http://www.natassembly.org>
- **David Zirin** International Socialist Organization, <http://www.internationalsocialist.org>
- **Stephen Lendman** Global Research News Hour, <http://www.globalresearch.ca>
- **Doris "Granny D" Haddock** peace activist, <http://www.grannyd.com>

Laurie Dobson, who will moderate the program, is a long-time peace activist, writer, land planner, community organizer and a 2008 independent candidate in Maine for the U.S. Senate. Music will be provided by Jordan Page, Head-Roc, Emma's Revolution, and Precise Science.

Along with the rally on December 12, a social event featuring some of the speakers will take place Friday, December 11, from 8 to 10 pm at Busboys & Poets, 14th and V Streets NW in Washington, DC. The film "Rethink Afghanistan" will be screened.

For updates on the rally, visit the End US Wars web site (<http://www.enduswars.org>).