

Blackwater, Inc. - Muddying the Waters of War

Did you know?

You've heard about Blackwater in the news, but did you know that Blackwater's revenue has dramatically increased in recent years? Contractors now make up one out of every three persons deployed rather than 1 out of 60 less than 20 years ago. Despite questionable business practices, Blackwater is currently being considered for a \$1 billion contract to train Afghan security forces.

Join a discussion of how outsourcing our foreign wars to mercenary armies:

- Endangers our mission, security, and military personnel.
- Defrauds the taxpayers and bankrupts our treasury.
- Creates dangerous over reliance on unpatriotic individuals/corporations.
- Emboldens and enriches the Military-Industrial Complex.

We will discuss issues brought up in Jeremy Scahill's book, *Blackwater- The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army*, and watch a video interview of Scahill and Rep. Janet Shakowsky on *Democracy Now!* Rep. Schakowsky has introduced the *Stop Outsourcing Security Act* which would phase out private security contractors in war zones. Congress may insist on supporting further war funding, but with the U.S. economy in tatters, we have an obligation to demand that these reckless mercenary corporations be prevented from further profiteering under the guise of aiding our missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

To be followed by a discussion of actions, which people can take to end the occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq.

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All welcome

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