

“Uncovered”

**Powerful film, featuring Washington inside experts,
Reveals the distortions about US invasion of Iraq**

ACME offers free online study guide for teachers to promote discussion and analysis

”The danger to our country is growing. The Iraqi regime possesses biological and chemical weapons... And according to the British government, the Iraqi regime could launch a biological or chemical attack in as little as 45 minutes after the orders were given.”

President George W. Bush

How did the Bush administration convince the US public to go to war in Iraq ? A startling new film, featuring Washington insiders, explores the answers.

Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War is a 60-minute documentary that features interviews with more than twenty experts, including: former diplomat Joe Wilson, United Nations weapons inspectors Scott Ritter and David Albright, former CIA operative Robert Baer, and David Corn, Washington editor for The Nation. “Weapons of mass destruction”, said Ray McGovern, former CIA analyst, “was a convenient way of tricking our Congress into giving the President authority to wage war.”

Katrina Van Den Heuvel, editor of The Nation, noted that ***Uncovered*** is “a compelling call to action and must-see viewing for all citizens who care about changing the direction of our security policy and our country’s leadership.”

The Action Coalition for Media Education (ACME), a nonprofit group championing critical media literacy education, is providing a FREE comprehensive study and activity guide that will help teachers turn this important film into a classroom teaching tool for high school and college students.

”***Uncovered*** is an indispensable resource for media, communications, and social studies classes, as well as history and language arts teachers interested in exploring the ways media and politics interact in the United States,” says ACME President Rob Williams. “We hope our study guide will provoke discussion and analysis of the controversial decision to send young men and women to fight an expensive and unnecessary war.”

The ACME ***Uncovered*** study guide raises questions about media, decision-making, and war. Regardless of your feelings about the Bush administration or the Iraq war, a democracy’s survival depends on a trustworthy relationship between the government and the governed. The film and accompanying study guide argue that Bush administration officials violated the public’s trust in building a misleading case for the invasion of Iraq.

The importance of media literacy and independent media become clearer when issues surrounding the legitimacy of the US war in Iraq come before the American people. And the work of organizations such as ACME, and its coalition, helps make additional information available so citizens can make informed decisions.

Additional independent coverage about Iraq and the war on terrorism is available in three new videos from the Media Education Foundation (MEF, online at www.mediaed.org <<http://www.mediaed.org>>), and the book Weapons of Mass Deception, from the Center for Media and Democracy<both ACME coalition members.

MEF Executive Director Sut Jhally explained: “We are living in one of the most critical periods history has ever seen, marked by a deep sense of anxiety, insecurity, and instability and media education has never been more important.” Jhally continued: “We need open and public debate in this country about the relationships between media, politics, and war.....and the glorification of militarism.”

ACME, MEF, and the entire coalition aim to build a vibrant, active media literacy movement in the US that will foster democracy, independence, and citizen involvement.

Copies of the film **Uncovered** are available in VHS or DVD for \$9.99, and can be ordered online at: www.truthuncovered.com <<http://www.truthuncovered.com>>.

The producers are offering the film to ACME members for a discounted price of \$4.00. In addition, there will be screenings for citizens all over the country, and a list of dates and locations is available at www.truthuncovered.com/screenings/index.cfm <<http://www.truthuncovered.com/screenings/index.cfm>>.

The free film study guide can be downloaded at the ACME website: www.acmecoalition.org <<http://www.acmecoalition.org>>

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