

# **Les Iraniens Contre La Guerre**

## **Audience Populaires**

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**Les Iraniens contre la guerre** wishes to announce its unequivocal rejection of the Manley commission's recommendations to the Canadian government for the following reasons:

- 1- The process by which the commission's operation was conducted was in secrecy with little public consultation and participation.
- 2- There are more emphasis in military role in Afghanistan than development aids and reconstruction support.
- 3- The indefinite timing will weaken the central Afghanistan government in such way that it may never have the total control of the country.
- 4- Majority of Canadians are opposed to current force's combat mission in Afghanistan yet Manley report conscious of this fact proposes no alternative but current course of military action.

We believe the word insurgent does not identify the Afghanistan forces identity fighting Canadians and NATO soldiers. These forces are Afghanis of different tribes and origin defending the sovereignty of their country. It is true they are religious zealots and fundamentalist wanting to impose a regressive Islamic theocracy as a form of government in Afghanistan. However, when they are faced with foreign and occupational forces coming from western countries, as many times in the history, they are detremined to stand up against it and not let their land, their cities and country and most of all their dignity and sovereignty be occupied by foreigners.

Therefore, regardless of how helpful Canada's intention are, when acting as a military force along the side of United States, it will bring no prosperity to the children and the weman of Afghanistan.

The Canadian people are a peace loving nation and clearly understand this dillema. That is why, they are opposed to military force intervention.

Canada must abandon its combat mission in Afghanistan and resort to all the other non-combat, peaceful alternatives that could bring aids and development to Afghanistan.

This can only be done under guidance of United Nation and all other world organizations which prefer dialogue and promote peace rather than confrontation and use of military force.

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