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The Problem

- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) introduces militarism in over 3,000 high schools.
- Opposing high school military training is no more anti-military than opposing high school consumption of alcohol is anti-alcohol.
- Internationally accepted standards prohibit military recruiting of youth under 16.
- Pentagon-produced video games are designed to attract students as young as 13. The *America's Army* "game" cost over \$6.3 million and has taught 7.5 million children how to kill "as first person shooters."
- At a time when most schools seek to be gun-free environments, JROTC provides weapons training and shooting competitions.
- JROTC teaches blind obedience to approximately 300,000 "cadets" and 30-46% enter the military.
- Youth recruiting is embedded in the media and each branch of the military has officers assigned to work with the film industry.
- Our schools need funding and JROTC has cost taxpayers billions of dollars (over \$250 million annually).



Military training in high schools is a Trojan Horse for illegal recruiting. The Teach Peace Foundation offers the *Leaders* program as a peaceful alternative.



Nationally JROTC also oversees the Middle School Cadet Corps (MSCC) for children ages 11 to 14. In Florida, Texas, and Chicago military-run after-school programs are offered. Minority and poor public school students are disproportionately targeted.

Sources: Army.com, "Soldiers of Misfortune" prepared by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and "Making Soldiers in the Public Schools: An Analysis of the Army JROTC Curriculum" by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

The Solution

- The Teach Peace Foundation, supported by veterans, offers *Leaders* which is the only comprehensive high school alternative to JROTC.
- *Leaders* is a leadership education and training program for high school students. Students are taught to think critically and live life helping others with integrity, humility, compassion, and courage.
- *Leaders* helps students acquire sufficient background to perform their role as citizens.
- *Leaders* teaches advance conflict resolution techniques to help students learn that nonviolence is a force more powerful than violence.
- *Leaders* provides students with opportunities to develop and demonstrate new skills by leading community service and service learning events.
- *Leaders* is 21st century performance-based learning that teaches what is great about our country can fix what is wrong.
- To bring *Leaders* to your community, sign our petition or call us at 530-204-7227.
- For more information, visit www.teachpeace.com today!