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Resolution to Endorse John Kerry

Whereas the AFT reserves the right to make endorsements in U.S. presidential elections and its Executive Council passed a Resolution to be presented to the 2004 convention that uncritically endorses John Kerry for president, and has devoted substantial material and political resources to the election of Kerry; and

Whereas John Kerry's presidential election campaign has taken positions at odds with the stated positions of the PSC on such issues as Iraq, labor policy, NAFTA, and educational policy; therefore be it

Resolved, that the PSC critically accept the AFT's endorsement of John Kerry for president of the U.S.; and be it further

Resolved, that the PSC urge the AFT to apply and maintain pressure on John Kerry to come out strongly against the continued U.S. war in and occupation of Iraq, and, if elected, to reverse the Bush Administration policy in Iraq as well as the general strategy of empire-building backed up by 'pre-emptive war; reject educational policies that involve 'merit pay'; reverse his positions on 'free trade', particularly NAFTA; express broader support for well-funded quality public education; and be it further

Resolved, that the PSC reaffirm its commitment to building labor participation in an independent anti-war movement and to maintain pressure on any presidential candidate or president to shift his position on this and other key issues.