

Citizens Speak!

Citizen participation through public forums to ensure democracy

Public Forum-January 22, 2003: The United States and the International Criminal Court

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is a permanent international court to prosecute individuals, including high-ranking national leaders, for war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. The United States Government is opposed to the ICC. Recent polls indicate that a majority of Americans support the ICC.

The Citizens Speak! Forum on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 is designed for citizens to be informed, deliberate and take collective action on whether the U.S. should continue to maintain their current position against the ICC or change its position to support the ICC.

Mr. Joseph Soraghan, Attorney with Danna McKitrick Law Firm and Adjunct Professor of Law at Washington University, will speak in support of the Government's position. Ms. Leila Sadat, Professor of Law at Washington University, and a member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, will speak in favor of the ICC.

Citizens Speak! is a non-partisan and non-profit organization for the purpose of encouraging citizen participation in the tradition of American town hall meetings. This was the process for citizens to become informed about an issue, interact with other citizens, and collectively express their viewpoint to government representatives for the purpose of affecting public policy.

Citizens Speak! is committed to the fundamental truths that citizens are the true power of democracy and that participation through public forums is a right and a duty for ensuring democracy.

This Citizens Speak! Forum is 7pm-9:30pm, 10th Floor of the World Trade Center in Clayton, 121 South Meramec Blvd. The United Nations Association of St. Louis and The Ethical Society of St. Louis are providing sponsorship and promotional assistance. Toastmasters District 8 and FOCUS-St. Louis are providing promotional assistance. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are not required. Admission is free. Please RSVP at truthfulhawk@yahoo.com.

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