

We support ROTC!

Students for an Orwellian Society (SOS) is a nationwide student group. The mission of SOS is to promote the vision of a society based upon the principles of Ingsoc, first articulated by George Orwell in his prophetic novel, *1984*.

SOS is pleased to support ROTC. SOS has always, in fact, supported ROTC, and is especially pleased to note ROTC's work towards all three of the basic principles of Ingsoc:



George Orwell

War Is Peace

Although no foreign government has attacked the US national territory since the War of 1812, Ingsoc dictates that a continual state of war is needed for a smoothly functioning society. Thus, as the US military continues to operate in foreign countries and ROTC graduates continue to lead these operations, SOS supports them! Without ROTC, there can be no war, and without war, there can be no peace.



Freedom Is Slavery

Ingsoc dictates that, unless our lives are tightly controlled, we can never be free. SOS is pleased to learn that, in addition to the discipline the military imposes upon all its members, ROTC cadets face several additional restrictions: the near-impossibility of quitting ROTC after joining, the withholding of university degrees from cadets who do not fulfill ROTC requirements, and the limits upon cadets' academic freedom. In addition to these personal forms of slavery, SOS is pleased to note the forms of slavery which would be placed upon the university: the school would be forced to make ROTC leaders professors, forced to grant free office and training space, and forced to grant academic credit to ROTC programs without any external review. Clearly, ROTC understands that we cannot defend our nation's freedom without a degree of slavery.

Ignorance Is Strength

In addition to noting military recruiters' habit of lying to prospective recruits, SOS is especially pleased with the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy with respect to homosexuality. Obviously, then, we have a complete solution to the issue—there are no gay people in the military! SOS is also delighted to note the ignorance of the "Students United For Victory" with respect to university policy and process. With knowledge, we are weak, but through ignorance, we have strength.

¹ As one veteran military recruiter told the *Albany Times-Union*, "I've been recruiting for years and I don't know one recruiter who wasn't dishonest about it. I did it myself."

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A Special Note on Panelist Alfred Zaragoza

Students for an Orwellian Society is especially pleased to note the presence on today's panel of Mr. Alfred Zaragoza, who has made some truly impressive contributions towards the bringing about of an Ingsoc society.

Mr. Zargaoza has been involved with the “Nationalist Movement,” which advocates, among many other things, quarantines of HIV+ people, racial preferencing in immigration to keep out non-whites, the abolition of the Civil Rights Acts and the Voting Rights Act, racial profiling in police work, and militias to prevent undocumented immigrants. It claims the anti-Semite Henry Ford, segregationist Paul B. Johnson, and rabid anti-communist Joseph McCarthy as its spiritual antecedents. More information on this group is available at its own website, <http://nationalist.org/>

SOS especially notes Mr. Zaragoza's previous public statement that Rev. Jerry Falwell is “too compromising about the Bible, especially about keeping nationalities separate and bloodlines pure.”² The counter-Ingsoc group Anti-Racist Action has targeted Mr. Zargaoza on its website³, also.

² <http://www.nationalist.org/ATW/1999/oct.html>

³ <http://www.geocities.com/rougesgallery2000/>

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