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Why now?

This is Where We Take Our Stand is a film about an event that happened three years ago, when George W. Bush was President and the Iraq War was raging. But that's all changed now, right? Barack Obama's President, he ran on a promise to end the war, and he's fulfilling that promise. So why "dwell on the past," as President Obama has repeatedly said?

We, the filmmakers, felt compelled to review the past, as it is all too present. We chose to examine what continues as the war on terror because it has ultimately become the terror of war. We chose to follow courageous men and women who felt compelled by their sense of duty to their country and humanity to bear witness to what they had participated in, revealing in vivid, heartbreaking testimony why they came to oppose their military and government policies. Their voices are filled with a profound commitment to civic duty that equals the sacrifice and fearless passion they had expressed once as soldiers.

Their stories make us proud to have witnessed their journey to tell fellow countrymen what most have not heard or refused to believe. In their quest for an honest dialogue, they have revealed the truth about what divides our nation: are we really engaged in making the world a safer place—do we know the price paid by the people whose countries we have invaded, as well as those in uniform who occupy them? These aren't political or theoretical arguments, but the eyewitness accounts of men and women who thought they were fighting for their country and learned that, as Jason Washburn, a Marine veteran with three tours in Iraq put it, "We were on the bully's team, and that's not what I signed up for." It is a wrenching, painful, and necessary story.

This film reminds us that nothing is over. And it asks us to question what has changed. Certainly not the war in Afghanistan, which has expanded in the past three years, and not the killing and misery in Iraq, unleashed by 8 years of military occupation.

This is Where We Take Our Stand is the story of hundreds of Iraq War veterans who risked everything to publicly tell their stories of killings of civilians, torture, and the widespread degradation and destruction of Iraq that was brought on by the policies of their government. And it is a story that needs to be told *especially* today. These brave soldiers and veterans are challenging a complacency that runs very deep underscoring a willingness to accept unspeakable horrors committed in our name—as long as we don't know about them.

If nothing else, this film should awaken a collective conscience, provoke outrage and debate, which fulfills the mandate of public television.