

Los Alamos Study Group

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In Wake of Attacks, Public Discussions Planned

SANTA FE – A series of public forums on domestic and international security, civil liberties, and related issues will take place this week in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Los Alamos. The discussions are being organized by the Los Alamos Study Group, a nonprofit disarmament research and education organization.

Organized under the title “**Security in the Wake of Violence: Where Do We Go From Here?**”, these discussions will provide a moderated venue for airing both the immediate and the underlying issues so painfully raised by today’s attacks on key U.S. targets.

How can the U.S. be made more secure?

- What *is* security? What are the building blocks of real security – for individuals, families, communities, and countries?
- What is the role of the military? What roles do individuals play? What about communities?
- What are the domestic consequences of our security choices?
- How can the role of U.S. in the world be structured to avoid “blowback,” the CIA term for angry response to our actions?
- What might a balanced approach to security look like?
- Could a climate of fear and insecurity result in a loss of civil liberties, and if so, what constructive actions might citizens take to prevent this?
- What are the possible consequences of reprisals?

Forums will be held at the following times and places:

- **WEDNESDAY IN SANTA FE, 7:00 PM:** At the Unitarian Church, in Fogelson Hall, Barcelona Road at the corner of Galisteo Street, Santa Fe.
- **THURSDAY IN ALBUQUERQUE, 7:00 PM:** At the UNM Continuing Education Conference Center, in Room C, 1634 University Boulevard (just north of Indian School Road), Albuquerque.
- **FRIDAY IN LOS ALAMOS, 7:00 PM:** At Los Alamos High School, in the Topper Theater, 1300 Diamond Drive (just east of the Trinity Drive/Oppenheimer Drive intersection), Los Alamos.

Each forum will provide a mix of facilitated discussion, problem-solving, and short presentations by invited guests.

For further information, call the staff of the Study Group at 982-7747.

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