

Sample New York Times coverage

**From New York To Melbourne,
Cries for Peace
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1. Confronting America's countdown to war, throngs of chanting, placard-waving demonstrators converged on New York and scores of cities across the United States, Europe and Asia yesterday in a global daisy chain of largely peaceful protests against the Bush administration's threatened invasion of Iraq.
2. Three years after vast crowds turned out around the world to celebrate the new millennium, millions gathered again yesterday in a darker mood of impending conflict, forming a patchwork of demonstrations that together, organizers said, made up the largest, most diverse peace protest since the Vietnam War. On a wintry day in New York, huge crowds, prohibited by a court order from marching, rallied within sight of the United Nations amid heavy security. They raised banners of patriotism and dissent, sounded the hymns of a broad new antiwar movement and heard speakers denounce what they called President Bush's rush to war, while offering no sympathy for Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein.
3. "The World Says No to War," proclaimed a huge banner over a stage on First Avenue near 51st Street, the focal point of crowds that filled the avenue from 49th Street to 72nd Street and spilled over into side streets and to Second, Third and Lexington Avenues, where thousands more were halted at police barricades, far from the sights and sounds of the demonstration.
4. Crowd estimates are often little more than politically tinged guesses. The police commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, put the crowd at about 100,000, while the organizers said 400,000 people attended. Given the sea of faces extending more than a mile up First Avenue and the ancillary crowds that were prevented from joining them, it seemed that something in between was probable.
5. There were similar though smaller demonstrations in Philadelphia, Chicago, Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento, Miami, Detroit, Milwaukee and scores of other American cities, organized under the umbrella of United for Peace and Justice, a coalition of 120 organizations...
6. Protests unfolded in more than 350 cities around the world -- some drawing hundreds of thousands, others only a few hundred -- and for the most part the dissents were peaceful. The police in Athens fired tear gas and clashed with demonstrators who threw a gasoline bomb, but no serious injuries were reported.
7. In New York, the police reported at least 295 arrests, mostly for disorderly conduct, and said that a deputy inspector had been assaulted and taken to a hospital and that two horses were hurt. But at day's end, Commissioner Kelly said: "I think it went well. For the number of people here, it was orderly. The vast majority of people were cooperative."
8. [...]
Unlike the stereotypically scruffy, pot-smoking, flag-burning anarchists of the Vietnam era, yesterday's protesters came from a wide range of the political spectrum: college students, middle-aged couples, families with small children, older people who had marched for civil rights, and groups representing labor, the environment and religious, business and civic organizations. . .