

A few comments from teenagers about Arlington West

“I thought this documentary was good because it changed my life! My boyfriend was planning on going to the military but after seeing what can happen, he decided to stay with me!!”

“You can feel guilty for having survived war?!”

“Truthfully, it just blew me away! It’s true, the words that the white girl said, ‘The USA only says, OK, that’s it, good bye, and thanks for everything, mission over.’”

“I thought that it was stupid that people who die for our country only get a little cross in the sand (WOW!) Then they take it out. If I died for my country, I want to be recognized.”

“It’s a great film. Now I want to try to get others not to go, I want others to know what I now know.”

“Watching the documentary reminded me of how people are suffering. Sometimes we forget because we can get so used to it.”

“Now I don’t want to go to military services. I’m scared!!”

“I think that we should have more programs like that to learn what’s going on in the world.”

“I think watching that movie really made me think about the army. Especially how usually the young ones are the ones who get killed and how the army lies to you.”

“I think it was a good thing showing the school the documentary because it shows the pain that the families went through. And I really think that some students changed their minds about the military.”

“I thought the film was really good because it really changed my life about ever trusting the government about going to war because I think my life is more precious than going and killing.”

“Because I wanted to join the army but now since I know what they really do, like, they have to die for this country and kill people, it just doesn’t make any sense. That’s really sad, it’s depressing.”

“Because it made people think about going to the army. We saw the other side to it, that the army didn’t or don’t show.”

“I think that showing what goes on in Iraq should be shown to everyone in the world, to show the world how much war is hell.”

“It’s brilliant and powerful because we get to see both sides and decide for ourselves.”

“I think it was really of value, because before, I thought that the army was different, like a cool place, and the reason I thought like that, it was because I thought that the United States was caring more about the citizens that put their lives to go.”

“I thought it was sad! If I didn’t want to join the military forces before, I definitely don’t wanna join now!”

“I appreciate the fact that we have the chance to hear the truth once in a while. Some teenagers are never exposed to what’s really going on around the world. I hope to see more exposure on the war because it helps us teens to realize what’s really out there. Thank you very much.”

“If Americans have to go, I suggest that president be equal and put his daughters to war.”

“I really liked this documentary because my boyfriend wanted to go to the military for school. We watched this together and it changed his point of view in going. It made me happy that he’s seen the “behind the scenes” so he won’t go! I would like to see more.”

“I thought about joining the military and I think the war is wrong but after this video it really changed my mind not to join.”

“I think I don’t gone a joyen army.”

“It changed my way of thinking about the military. Because now I know they are liars. And I don’t want to go and kill harmless people. Especially kids or people that have family that have nothing to do with the war. I believe it would be a terrible experience. But the main point of this is, I don’t want to die early, I still got a lot of life ahead of me and I want to enjoy it a different way. ! GOD BLESS AMERICA !”

“Make this movie go mainstream!”

“I have friends in the war and it is scary to have that feeling, if they are alive or not. I don’t believe in war and especially when there is no reason for it.”

“It made me realize that all the soldiers that are dying keeps on rising. And that we should take our soldiers out of there and kill everyone over in Iraq, innocent babies, grandmas, grandpas, just kill ‘em all, I could give a crap about those Iraqis. Pieces of shit, kill ‘em and bring them here so we could run them over with our cars.”

“I do not want to join the army anymore.”

“Watching the documentary provided students with useful information they might need when thinking about joining the military. Many students between the ages of 15-17 don’t know how to make wise decisions about joining the military, so it opened new windows to them.”

“They did say the truth about things people do not realize. They need to air this video on TV to get the message out there to the public.”

“I think that it was valued to me because it taught me that young men are dying for no reason, and I think I was sad that the government lied to everyone. War shouldn’t exist, but it does, yet I don’t think they should send young teenagers to go fight and get killed.”

“I couldn’t speak for an hour after seeing it.”

“Show this to every class in every school.”

“The emotion of sadness gave me a lot to think about the government and how you are just an object to a mission.”

“Even if you survive war, you may not have an arm or leg...”

“I don’t want to die for nothing.”

“The parts of the film that affected me the most were when people talked about liking war. Don’t go 2 war!”

“It’s important to put voices and faces to the numbers.”

“Show this film to anyone who has eyes!”

“The best parts of the film were when people were being crazy, hypocritical. War sucks!”

“The film was filled with truth, not sugar coated...”

“Some people who fought are homeless already?!”

“Why does the war have to include the younger generation when it was started before their time? Why doesn’t the president put his daughters in the Army?”

“Why is the government hiding our dead soldiers?”

“I think war should be for older people, not age 17-26.”

“In the film, when the numbers on the death chart kept going up, it’s overwhelming. It makes you want to yell, ‘STOP!’ But the fact that you know you’re helpless makes it that much worse.”

“This film gives the necessary input to balance out all the commercials of the military.”

“It changed my whole concept of the war when I saw a grave marker with the same last name as my family.”

“Stop the war against terrorism because war IS terrorism.”

“Now I know not to join the military!”

“The part of the film that affected me the most was when the young girl’s boyfriend got taken to war and hasn’t come back yet, it reminds me of myself.”

“Why do people let the president make them go to war? Why don’t people take a stand? Why do recruiters target poor teenagers? How do people believe in war?”

“Only one Congressman has a child in the military? That SUCKS!”

“Keep making those crosses and showing this video, because it affects everybody who sees it and encourages them to obtain their rights.”

“The war is so far away, and when I hear about men and women dying I never really thought about it but now I have a totally different perspective.”

“Thank-you for showing this film...I now know the truth.”

“It really taught me a lot on joining the army and when I was younger I actually was going to join after high school, but I’m not now.”

“It was very sad but great.”

“Well, I always wanted to join the Air Force but now it makes me think twice about it.”

“It is very sad to see all these innocent boys and girls lose their lives...they go to get an education, but lose their lives instead. This movie meant a lot.”

“It has touched my heart in so many places. There are no words that can describe how I feel.”

“The film was sad. Before, I thought about maybe joining, but it wasn’t for sure. Now, after seeing the film, it’s not even a choice or possibility for me.”

“I don’t know how I would live through it if my twin was killed.”

“I’m not very educated on war itself. I’m enrolled in my school’s JROTC and now I regret joining. I’m going now to take my name off their list.”