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About No Bush

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30 of us posed nude this morning in NYC's Central Park at Bethesda Fountain. We laid in the snow using our bodies to spell the words NO BUSH and then rearranged to spell WAR. We did this to send a message to people around the world that Bush does not speak for us! As we lay in the snow we screamed sentiments like "read my lips Bush!" On lookers scurried for cameras and several watched in wonder as we ran to and from our spots in front of Bethesda Fountain and arranged frantically in sub-freezing temperatures to form the words. We congregated at 6:30am at nearby diner where we met each other for the first time, discussed our plan and then headed off to the park together in high spirits. Over 70 women joined the project, though 30 of us braved the snow to make the shoot this morning. Everyone who posed found out about the project through emails that I sent out to friends and associates. Other photos of volunteer nudes have been shot using women's bodies

to spell words such as PEACE and NO WAR beginning with a group of women in W. Marlin, California who staged the spelling of PEACE as a pro-peace demonstration last November. Their PEACE photo spread virally on the web and inspired other women to organize photos of their own. There is now an organically growing collective that includes groups that shot photos in Antarctic, the UK , Cape Town, South Africa and Texas. Our New York City photo is the first of it's kind as it is the only photo shot in a public location in a major city where there is virtually no private space. The other photos taken were shot on private land or in desolate locations. We didnt have the option, we're in NYC! Increased security from 9-11 had us worried too.

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