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Educate

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ABOUT VOI

The mission of the Veterans Organizing Institute (VOI) is to support the leadership development of Progressive military veterans. Our vision is to develop a network of diverse former servicemembers with a sophisticated political analysis and practical organizing skills.

VOI PROVIDES TRAINING ON:



VETERANS & SOCIAL CHANGE

We introduce the core concept of the Veteran Mystique, which captures the symbolic weight they carry in national narratives. We will connect this concept with our analysis of group solidarity as a central force in politics and social change efforts.



POLITICAL ANALYSIS

We break down elements of effective political narratives, and we introduce practical tools that can help changemakers to engage with these elements more strategically.



GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING

We explore how grassroots groups and social movements can effectively 'tell stories' that mobilize people, give coherence to their campaigns, pressure the powerful, and affect change

Veterans Teaching Veterans

Our training team comes to this work with extensive experience from across a broad range of movements and praxis, as strategists, movement educators, academics, facilitators, and on-the-ground organizers in domestic and international issues. In addition to this vast level of experience, more than half of the training team are military veterans as well as VOI alum.

VOI inspired me to do more, to learn more and how to effectively use my voice. VOI also provided a safe space for myself and many others to be our authentic identities which only allows us to soar even higher in our purpose. Thank you for an incredible experience! - JoAnna Sweat

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