



*Pariser Platz Filibuster, March 15, 2003*



*Ava's Transatlantic Green Salon launched with "Europe Energized" Steven Hill and Hans-Josef Fell (Green Party) at the Free University, moderated by Prof. Miranda Schreurs, October 7, 2010*



*Amy Goodman lectures in Berlin December 12, 2008*

## AMERICAN VOICES ABROAD BERLIN

AVA-Berlin offers a community for engaged US citizens and provides a forum for a wide spectrum of views. We seek to foster open and constructive discussions among Americans on the sometimes contentious issues most important to us. Of particular concern are such issues as GI counseling, election reform, and US foreign policy, as well as questions concerning US legislation.



We are not only citizens of the USA, but we are also members of the community in our host country Germany. AVA-Berlin seeks to engage all members of this community in dialogue on issues of mutual concern.



American Voices Abroad Berlin  
*speaking loud enough to be heard in Washington*

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*Protesting the Iraq War by the US Embassy, Berlin, March 20, 2003  
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## WHO WE ARE

In February 2003 a group of Americans in Berlin got together to protest plans to attack Iraq in an unprovoked war. This diverse group grew into Americans in Berlin Against the War, later renamed American Voices Abroad-Berlin.

As US citizens we felt a continued responsibility to raise our voices to protest the Bush administration's contempt for democratic principles and international law. Although the Bush administration is gone,



its legacy lives on. At home, the provisions of the PATRIOT Act continue to restrict civil liberties in the name of security. Abroad, the doctrine of preventive war initiated an unprecedented foreign policy leading to the war in Iraq, and to grave human rights abuses.



*Isabel Cole speaks at Inauguration Party, January 20, 2009*

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Some of our actions and events have been:

- demonstrations, “filibusters” and vigils; fundraisers for Iraqi children and Katrina survivors
- discussions with experts on relevant issues: Amy Goodman, host of Democracy Now; Scott Ritter, former UN weapons inspector; Jennifer van Bergen, ACLU expert on the PATRIOT Act; William Rivers Pitt, author of War on Iraq; Steven Hill, of the New America Foundation; the director of an Iraqi trauma

center; antiwar activist Tom Hayden (with Democrats Abroad-Berlin); Douglas Hillmer on electoral fraud; Thomas Powers on intelligence and terrorism; Gratia Stryker-Härtel on the U.S. prison system; Jessica Osenbrugge on rights violations of indigenous peoples at the U.S./Mexican border; Katha Pollitt on 21st Century Feminism at the Einstein forum, Potsdam

- sponsorship of political film festivals and AVA movie nights
- voter registration drives in 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010 in coalition with Democrats Abroad Berlin
- press conferences, public statements, panel discussions
- writing letters in the name of AVA-Berlin: in 2009 on healthcare reform addressed to Congress; signing petitions and supporting projects of other groups
- “Greetings from Europe” from AVA-Berlin read at the anti-war demos sponsored by United for Peace and Justice, of which we are a member



*Voter Registration with Democrats Abroad Berlin, July 5, 2008*

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Get on our email list to receive important news and invitations to major actions and public events.
2. Come to our “Stammtisch” the first Thursday of each month at 8 pm. Check [www.avaberlin.org](http://www.avaberlin.org) for current location. Good food and good conversation.
3. Join an ongoing project group, or start a new one. Check out our new sustainability offshoot:

[www.avasgreensalon.wordpress.com](http://www.avasgreensalon.wordpress.com)

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*Brandenburg Gate, January 19, 2005*