**2016 Summit on Saudi Arabia:**

**Understanding the Kingdom and its Global Role**

Dates:**March 5- 6, 2016**  
  
Times: 8:30am- 6pm March 5 & 10am- 3pm March 6  
  
Location: **The UDC David A. Clarke School of Law**(4340 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008)  
  
CODEPINK, along with The Nation Magazine, Institute for Policy Studies, Peace Action, and many other organizations (see below), is hosting a two-day summit examining the policies and practices of Saudi Arabia and U.S.-Saudi ties.   
  
This Summit will address issues such as human rights; Saudi internal and foreign policy; and the prospects for change inside the kingdom and in U.S.-Saudi relations.  
  
 Human rights advocates, diplomats, scholars, authors, and grassroots activists will come together in this first-of-its-kind international summit examining the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.   
  
 Who Should Attend?  
  
You should attend:  
  
If you would like to learn about the roots and spread of Islamic extremism.  
If you seek solutions to violence in the Middle East.  
If you support a US foreign policy that is based on respect for human rights.  
If you are an advocate against global weapons proliferation.  
  
At the Summit on Saudi Arabia, you will be able to connect with scholars, human rights advocates and other activists to discuss these issues and more. By attending panel discussions and workshops, you will gain tools and information to speak about these issues in your community, and join a network of change-makers seeking a reform in the US-Saudi relationship.   
  
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 Speakers:  
  
**Chris Hedge**s, author  
**Vijay Prashad**, author and professor at Trinity College  
**Rabayah Althaibani**, Yemeni-American activist  
**Medea Benjamin**, CODEPINK  
**Joe Stork**, Human Rights Watch  
**Ensaf Haider**, Raif Badawi's wife (unconfirmed)   
**Ali al Alhmed**, The Gulf Institute  
**Raed Jarrar**, American Friends Service Committee  
**Lee Fang**, journalist at the Intercept  
**Gabriel Justice**, Saudi-American author and U.S. Veteran  
**Robert Vitalis**, author and professor at the University of Pennsylvania   
**William Hartung**, weapons expert, Center for International Policy  
**Hala Al-Dossari**, Saudi writer and scholar  
**Kristine Beckerle**, Human Rights Watch  
**Yasser Munif**, professor at Emerson College  
**Andrew Hammond**, doctoral candidate at Oxford University  
**Ebtihal Mubarak**, Saudi journalist  
**Matar Ebrahim Ali Matar**, Bahraini politician and activist  
  
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