## DEFEND OUR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION - MAY 18 - 24, 2011



## **ARRESTING FOOD NOT BOMBS IS CENSORSHIP**

## Join us for a free vegan meal and protest on May 18 - 24, 2011 (Please put the time and location for your action here)

Suggested Location: Outside U.S. embassies, U.S.Federal Courts and offices or U.S. military bases in your area

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Georgia rueled against Orlando Food Bombs on April 12, 2011 Court rules group can only share food and literature twice a year per park.. On April 4, 2007 Food Not Bombs volunteer Eric Montanez was arrested under a new Orlando law designed to hid the homeless from view. Many cities in the United States are adopting policies to hide the crisis of poverty instead of seeking solutions. Along with passing anti-homeless laws officials have been trying to drive Food Not Bombs groups out of sight in cities all across the United States. Volunteers have been arrested, beaten, had their banners and literature discarded and a number of volunteers remain in prison. Police have also told Food Not Bombs groups that they can feed the hungry as long as volunteers don't hand out literature and display banners, arguing that our message is not protected "Free Speech" by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The fact that there is so much poverty in a country that spends half its federal budget on the military is an issue leaders in the United States would like to silence. Hiding our homeless friends and family members isn't a solution.

Defend the right to freedom of expression and free speech in the United States!

