



Critical Acclaim for P.O.V.'s "SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE"

By Gary Weimberg and Catherine Ryan

"This thought-provoking P.O.V. doc examines why some some soldiers become conscientious objectors and how they are subsequently treated by the military authorities. Grade: A –"

— **Entertainment Weekly**

"*Soldiers of Conscience* explores the moral dilemmas of eight U.S. soldiers who struggle daily with the question of whether killing is ever justified."

— **The Washington Post**

"The Army brass not only granted [the filmmakers] access to recruits on their way to Iraq and Afghanistan, but ... *Soldiers of Conscience* also struck such a deep chord among the military, it's now to be shown in sophomore ethics classes at West Point."

— **Justin Berton, San Francisco Chronicle**

"A thoughtful, challenging, and remarkably wide-ranging examination of the nature of war and its alternatives."

— **John Hartl, Seattle Times**

"The documentary series [P.O.V.] checks in another eye-opening portrait."

— **Amber Ray, Metro New York**

"*Soldiers of Conscience* is about wars, those that men fight against one another and those they fight against their deepest human impulses. ... [A] thoughtful and disquieting film..."

— **Glenn Garvin, The Miami Herald**

"The documentary has an eloquence and passion that will open hearts as well as eyes, and it is a lump-in-throat, harrowing plea for not just peace, but to embrace one's self for the betterment of the many over a blind ideal dictated by the few who may have never seen the result of collateral damage."

— **William Arnold, Seattle Post-Intelligencer**

"The film is a thought-provoking look at the central purpose of war that invites viewers to reflect not only on their own perspective but also on the other side of the coin."

— **Chuck Vinch, Army Times**

"[A] modest, unpretentious film, and more affecting for it. ... *Soldiers of Conscience* amounts to a timely cross-examination of the human killer instinct. Grade: A –"

— **Jonathan Kiefer, San Francisco Magazine**

"A thoughtful look at war and its aftermath."

— **Kevin McDonough, United Feature Syndicate**

"A thoughtful documentary on fighting men who have second thoughts about killing."

— **Roger Catlin, The Hartford Courant**

“...if it's an antiwar film, it's doubtless one of the most balanced ones ever made. ...Weimberg and Ryan have created one of the rare breed of documentaries that have a point of view...”

— **Martin Stillion, *Christianity Today***

“...powerful documentary *Soldiers of Conscience*, an even-handed and provocative look at troops serving in Iraq who have opted for conscientious objector status...”

— **Peter Keough, *The Phoenix***

“*Soldiers of Conscience* is part military procedural, part multifarious story of enlightenment and consequences. Although most Americans would prefer not to think about Iraq, *Soldiers of Conscience* is required viewing for anyone living with this war.”

— **Wyatt Montaner, *BeyondChron.org***

“Compelling. ... *Soldiers of Conscience*'s most effective point [is] the insistence that war be made visible.”

— **Cynthia Fuchs, *PopMatters.com***

“This is a film we all should see.”

— **ReadTheSpirit.com**