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**Nude way to protest against Iraqi war**

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New York - Protesters are trying a nude way to stir interest in the anti-war movement.

When US demonstrators hit the streets to rally against a military conflict in Iraq, they often grumble that too few Americans take notice. So one group opted for an eye-catching alternative.

Just after dawn on Friday, roughly 30 women scurried into the heart of Central Park, splitting up into groups to avoid arousing police suspicion. Once they reached their destination, the Bethesda Fountain, they displayed their deep misgivings about war by disrobing amid a steady snowfall.

Lying down in shivering temperatures, the group of women - students, executives and artists among them - used their stark naked bodies to spell out the words No Bush.

**It didn't take long for a flock of nude women to attract attention**

"I have never done anything remotely like this before, but I think it's incredibly cool," said Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, a 40-year-old activist housewife. "We're totally vulnerable out here, yet we're making a wonderful statement."

It didn't take long for a flock of nude women to attract attention. Central Park workers scrambled to break up the gathering, but by the time they arrived, the women were fully clothed.

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