Introduction

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The four articles in this forum represent widely differing perspectives for involvement in the peace movement. The Carnegie Quarterly paper discusses the antiwar options open to academicians. Though the presentation adopts a traditional, perhaps conservative, point of view, the analysis of institutional constraints and mainstream foundation support may prove invaluable to those actually attempting to undertake relevant research. In the second article, Robert Jensen thoroughly reviews the military spending policy of the Reagan administration and demonstrates how it correlates with the behavior of political leaders. His behavioral analysis leads to the suggestion that we as individuals engage in political behavior that is likely to influence lower echelon politicians. Next, Christopher Murphy first angsts over the choice between a revolutionary and a reformist solution to the arms race. His resolution in favor of reform, combined with astute application of behavioral principles, prompts numerous concrete suggestions for shaping peace activism. Finally, Jerry Ulman evidences no angst in his endorsement of a revolutionary restructuring of our economic (and hence social and political) environment as the means to peace. His lucid, provocative arguments deserve careful attention, if not complete agreement.