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invoked U.S. foreign policy, reading "The CIA trained Bin Laden?" Another person simply held up a flag of a skull and crossbones.

While these messages are broad, they represent many views just beginning to be heard. Polls in mainstream media outlets such as CNN, USA Today and The Associated Press largely suggest that Americans support military action against Osama bin Laden and other terrorists.

Lou Enge, a member of the Eugene Friends Meeting and speaker at the event, clarified the rally's in-

tentions, saying that it was a call for people who believe in a common sense, measured response.

"We don't want an all-out retaliation, and we don't want war," she said.

The concerns of the protest also extend to the racial conflicts that have resulted from the tragedy, especially the backlash against the Muslim community.

"We must stand in solidarity

"We must stand in solidarity with people of Middle Eastern descent in the community," Enge said. "We're encouraging people to express these views."

Dr. Stan Taylor, a political science instructor at Lane Community College, spoke to the crowd

about the attack's effect on America. He talked in depth about its political implications, in the context of both the anti-globalization movement and suppression of civil liberties. When asked about President Bush's Mobilization Against Terrorism Act, he said, "These are anti-democratic moves being used under the rhetoric of democracy."

Hope Marston, a local volunteer for the peace movement, likened present-day events to those of the Vietnam War. She said her concern stems from the view that America may again be involving itself in a war with no clear intentions.

"We're going to end up killing a lot of people who don't deserve to die," she said.

Marston remains committed to a peaceful resolution and said she hopes that such a view won't cast her as an enemy in the eyes of other war-oriented Americans.

"We're all trying to do the right thing, so how can I make you see that I'm not the enemy?" she said.

While recognizing the tragedy of recent events, Enge sees a silver lining in people's efforts to promote peace. She said that since the terrorist attacks, vigils have been held at 5 p.m. each night at the Federal Building, and, on average, about 70 people have been showing up.

"This is going to revitalize the peace movement," she said.

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devastated but not on a personal level until I heard my aunt was there," she said.

Watts said people should think about how much freedom they are willing to sacrifice to ensure this won't happen again.

"Right now, between security and privacy, I pick safety, but how far I'd go — I don't know," she said. "I don't mind people tearing through my luggage, but what about tapping our phones and houses?"

She added that while she is unsure about what the country should do, watching people reach out to each other is inspiring. But she also wonders about what triggered the attacks.

"I have pride in my country — people working together and uniting as one, but I recognize that something happened to make this happen," she said. "What made these people hate us so much? I have to ask what our country has done that I don't know about."

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Eugene, who said the bill will impact consumers.

"Some of the convenience (of air travel) is going away," DeFazio said. "E-tickets are probably not going to be there anymore."

The legislation would, however, expand the Federal Air Marshal program, make airport security screeners federal employees, and limit all airline passengers to one carry-on bag.

DeFazio said the legislation will be the first step in a long process of change for the airline industry.

"We need to make sure there is no repeat in aviation history of these types of events," he said. "It will take time, money, effort and patience."

The Federal Air Marshal program allows plainclothes police — who carry firearms with special bullets — to ride the airlines to ensure secure measures. The legislation would increase the number of air marshals in the sky, but DeFazio said the exact number is not yet known.

Having the federal government hire security screeners as federal employees would enable airlines to remove the workers from their payrolls.

Noble said that security screeners at the Eugene Airport are paid by United Airlines because the airline is the major carrier for the airport.

A \$3 surcharge would be added to tickets to pay for the security improvements.

"If surcharges are added to tickets, then there might be fewer passengers," Noble said. "If there's curtailment (of flights), then airlines retract to the hubs, and we're the losers."

Future developments at the Eugene airport, including a new runway that was to be added this year, may also be in limbo. Money set to be used for improvements may now be used to pay for the additional measures required by the FAA or toward the \$15 billion bailout for the airlines approved by President Bush Saturday.

"Those doubled entitlement funds that could be redirected could affect the new runway," said Bob Brew, the airport's budget manager.

Other projects that could be affected include moving the air cargo area and adding a lighting system for runways.

Noble said passengers should confirm their flights with the airlines before departure.

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