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The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC) is an independent, non-profit educational foundation that develops and encourages the study and use of civilian-based, nonmilitary strategies aimed at establishing and defending human rights, democratic self-rule and justice worldwide.

Peter Ackerman, ICNC’s Founding Chair and Steve York, Senior Producer, York Zimmerman Inc. began collaborating on documentaries focused on nonviolent resistance movements over sixteen years ago. Together, Dr. Ackerman and Mr. York produced the Peabody award-winning documentary, Bringing Down a Dictator, and Emmy-nominated series, A Force More Powerful, visually capturing the role of nonviolent resistance in promoting democratic change. Nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2013, the ICNC will release a new documentary on the Arab Spring and uprising in Egypt later this year.

Peter Ackerman is Founding Chair of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict and Managing Director of Rockport Capital, Inc., a private investment firm. Ackerman has lectured and written extensively on nonviolent conflict. He is co-author of Strategic Nonviolent Conflict: The Dynamics of People Power in the 20th Century (1994) and A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict (2001), which charts the history of civilian-based resistance. Ackerman was executive producer of the award-winning documentary "Bringing Down a Dictator," which chronicled the fall of Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia. Ackerman is a member of the board of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the Executive Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He attended Colgate University as an undergraduate and received a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, where he currently serves as a member of the International Management Advisory Group.