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**WWFOR 2022 FALL RETREAT on Zoom Nov 19, 2022, 9:30 to 12:30 PST**

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### SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>: A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS

by Louise Lansberry

As I write this article in mid-August, I can only hope the world will continue to dodge the nuclear bullet as the war in Ukraine continues....Assuming that you too may share such a fear, I want to tell you about an opportunity to express your concerns. An ad hoc group called Citizens for Universal Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (website is [www.abolishnuclearweapons.org](http://www.abolishnuclearweapons.org)) is organizing a march in Seattle that will take place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will gather first at Cal Anderson Park (1635 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. on Capitol Hill) at noon for music, poster making, and general information. Around 1 PM, we'll head down to the Federal Building offering various chants to involve

everyone along the way. When we arrive at the Federal Building, we will be greeted by members of the Seattle Peace Chorus. Along with Tom Rogers, formerly the commander of a nuclear armed sub who knows well the dangers of these weapons and Rachel Hoffman, a Marshallese woman who has endured the nuclear testing on her home grounds, there will be David Swanson, head of World Beyond War which is dedicated to the goal of eliminating nuclear weapons from our world. Please come to this first annual event to demonstrate your desire to rid the world of this immoral weapon system....and bring your friends. It takes all of our voices to make this change happen.

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The **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)**, or the **Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty**, is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal being their total elimination. It was adopted on 7 July 2017, opened for signature on 20 September 2017, and entered into force on 22 January 2021. For those nations that are party to it, the treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons, as well as assistance and encouragement to the prohibited activities. **For nuclear armed states joining the treaty, it provides for a time-bound framework for negotiations leading to the verified and irreversible elimination of its nuclear weapons programme.** [from Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_on_the_Prohibition_of_Nuclear_Weapons)



**Now is the Time: Forward Together to the Midterm Election**

by Dorothy Van Soest on behalf of the WA Poor People's Campaign coordinating committee

On June 18, 2022, in Washington, DC and virtually across the country, we witnessed the largest gathering of poor and low-income people and their allies in our country's history ([Poor Peoples Campaign, June 18, 2022](#)). A large representation from Washington state (poor people, low wage workers, moral allies, activists, faith leaders, mobilizing partners, and folks across all lines of division) was there to demand a Third Reconstruction for our country and a reconstitution of our nation's priorities.

People from over forty states told their stories about loved ones unnecessarily lost to COVID—children lost to gun violence, suicide, pain and killing drugs—those surviving without resources to grow and thrive—formerly incarcerated denied dignity, jobs, voting rights—immigrants and asylum seekers humiliated, shackled with ankle monitoring bracelets—workers fighting for fair wages and union representation—people denied food, health care, shelter, jobs, decent wages, education. Their voices merged into one resounding declaration:



*We are here, we are poor, we have come together and we will stay together until we transform this nation from the bottom up.*

*We declare that the source of solutions to our country's most pressing problems lies in our lived experience and leadership.*

*We will not be silenced and we will not be unheard!*

“At the rally we declared that we are in a time of emergency. Our democracy threatened by coordinated assaults on the right to vote and women's right to health care. More than 140 million people being poor and low income. Seven hundred dying every day (250,000 a year) from poverty. Millions living homeless in a nation with five abandoned houses for every homeless person. Child tax credits being cut and allowing families to not have food when we throw out more food than it takes to feed every hungry person in the world. Eighty-seven million people before the pandemic uninsured and underinsured, tens of millions added when people lost jobs and health during the health crisis.” (Rev. Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, speaking at the Memorial Service on June 17, 2022).

Our current crises are rooted in the myth of scarcity, demanding that we ask, "who we are willing to

exclude?" The PPC's answer is simple and clear:

*Everybody in! Nobody out! We need a Third Reconstruction to build a nation that lifts from the bottom, starting with the 140 million poor and low-income people, and everybody will rise.*

We are in a time of emergency. Our democracy is threatened. We know how many days there from now to the last day of the mid-term elections on November 8<sup>th</sup> and that on the ballot there are 469 seats in Congress—34 in the Senate and 435 in the House. The Washington Poor Peoples Campaign stands together with over sixty mobilizing partners in our state, including WWFOR, and acting together with the PPC campaigns in over forty states across the country to use our full power to force this democracy to reckon with the plight of its people. To that purpose:

- We demand that every member of Congress publicly acknowledge the reality and pain of 140 million poor and low wealth people – including 43 % of our entire population and 52% of our children, who died at a rate 2 to 5 times higher during this pandemic.*
- We demand every member of Congress commit to creating and supporting legislation that reflects the Third Reconstruction Agenda developed by poor and low wage communities. No action that is available to this Congress to relieve this injury and protect our democracy should be taken off the table – no matter how close we are to an election.*
- We demand a White House Poverty Summit with President Biden to allow this administration to meet with a delegation of poor and low-wealth people, religious leaders, and economists and to commit to an Executive Action Plan to Eliminate Poverty in 2022.*
- We declare that this Campaign will engage in massive mobilization and outreach through every means available to us – by visits, letters, petitions, candidate forums, and phone calls – advocating for our current representatives to take action now to address the needs of poor and low wealth people in this country.*
- We pledge to return and bring these demands to Washington D.C. in September 2022 with 5,000 poor and low-wealth people and religious leaders, along with 100 economists in nonviolent moral direct action.*
- We launch a nationwide effort to register and educate poor and low-income communities to vote in every election for candidates who commit to a Third Reconstruction Agenda to address poverty and low wealth from the bottom up.*
- We declare that we are a movement that votes. We call on all poor and low-wealth people to march in mass assembly from here to the polls; use your vote to make your voices heard!*

Now is the time to fight with every tool we have to ensure no voice is excluded, no vote denied, no cry for justice unrepresented. Now is the time to build a Third Reconstruction. Join us. [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org)

**VOTING IS POWER UNLEASHED**

## Will Homo Sapiens Be Able to Take Measures to Stop Global Warming and Save Themselves?

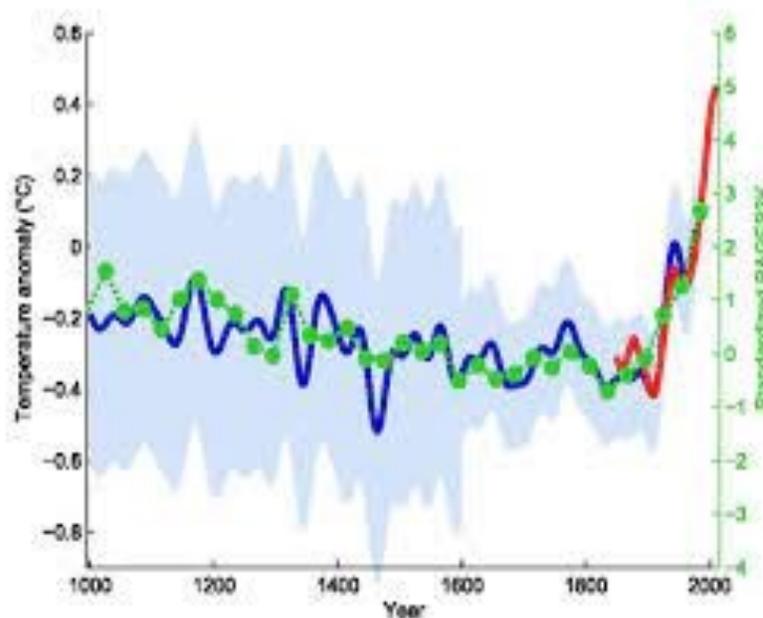
by John M Repp

Michael E. Mann [The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back Our Planet (New York: Public Affairs, Hachette Book Group, 2021)] is a climate scientist who, with colleagues, published the so-called “hockey stick” graph in 1998. It was a graph of the steep rise of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere since the industrial revolution, as seen below. There the red trend line on the right is going up and shows carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and is correlated with the rise of temperature anomalies, the green dots, plotted from the year 1000 AD. On the left side is a scale in fractions of centigrade degrees. This graph became the center of a huge controversy, but Mann survived the battles. Science has confirmed the “hockey stick”. Carbon dioxide traps heat in our atmosphere; the more carbon dioxide, the more heat is trapped, and it has been building up since the industrial revolution, when we started to burn coal in large quantities.

Most people have heard that the fossil fuel companies ran decades -long public relations campaigns (PR) to deny **any** climate change due to the burning of fossil fuel. But by 2021, most people agree that there is climate change because of all the bad weather. All over the world people have experienced super storms, wildfires, droughts, floods, and heat waves. This has caused people to agree with scientists that something is wrong. In the wake of that change, the fossil fuel companies have had to change their PR. What the fossil fuel companies are now saying to delay action, Mann calls “the new climate war”.

One method of the new PR strategy is “deflection” as seen in focusing on an individual’s **climate footprint**. The individual is told to look at her lifestyle, the car she drives, how much she flies, and how much energy she uses. The idea then is for the individual to change her lifestyle, use less stuff, so her carbon footprint is smaller. Mann points out that **the energy and environmental policy of the government is ignored**

in this approach. The idea of the individual’s carbon footprint was invented by a PR firm to change the subject. We need both individual lifestyle changes **and** smart governmental policy to solve this problem. What policy? Mann discusses a carbon tax as well as the cap-and-trading of emissions permits. We need to understand that the use of fossil fuels is currently subsidized because the waste products, the CO2 and other gases, are dumped into the atmosphere without the companies who sell the product or people who use the product having to pay a fee. When we must go to the local dump with garbage or construction waste, we must pay for what we dump. Who is going to pay the costs of what burning fossil fuel is dumping in our atmosphere? Not the oil companies, if they can help it.



And they get other subsidies through the tax system like the “oil depletion allowance”. In another form of “deflection”, some of the companies are saying they will be carbon neutral by a certain date in the future. But look at the fine print, Mann writes. The companies are only counting what they themselves produce in their operations, not what is put into the air when their product is burned.

Mann uses the term “inactivists” throughout the book. These are the people that understand there is climate change, but do not think it will be much of a problem, or don’t think there is much we can do without sacrificing our standard of living. There is another position he calls “doomism.” Some doomists point to the positive feedback loops, like the melting of permafrost to make their case. As the temperature rises, permafrost melts and releases more methane which is a strong greenhouse gas. It is too late to do anything, they say!

**But Mann says over and over that we can still stop global warming from becoming an existential crisis.** We can put a price on carbon. Specifically, we can withdraw the subsidies to the fossil fuel companies, private and national. Although he does not say how we get national companies like Qatar Energy and Saudi Aramco, that produce so much of their countries national wealth, to agree. In turn, we can subsidize renewables. He does not think we must get rid of market economics to solve the problem. (cont. page 4)

What are the fossil fuel companies doing in light of our situation? According to the 20 May 2022, North American edition of *The Guardian Weekly*, “Oil and gas majors are planning scores of vast projects that threaten to shatter the 1.5 C climate goal.” The story is the result of a special investigation by *The Guardian Weekly*. A dozen fossil fuel companies are planning on spending \$387 million daily to drill and pump oil and gas through 2030. These are huge projects called **carbon bombs**: it is “an oil or gas project that will result in at least a billion tonnes of CO2 emissions over its lifetime.”

It appears the fossil fuel companies, and their executives and investors just don’t care about the rest of us and are doing only what the law and their investors ask of them: that they maximize the profits of their companies. For the fossil fuel companies, the oil and gas reserves that they have located but not gotten out of the ground and refined are assets that increase the value of their companies. The current size of the fossil fuel sector’s reserves is so large that if just 60% of these assets are extracted, we would pass the agreed upon the 1.5-degree centigrade limit. And they want to find more reserves!

Even The Seattle Times of June 3, 2022, printed an article on the front page explaining that the greenhouse gases are at a record high. I quote: “*The amount of heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has shot past a key milestone — more than 50% higher than pre-industrial times — and is at levels not seen since millions of years ago when Earth was a hothouse ocean-inundated planet, federal scientists announced Friday.*”

And now for the good news: Mann writes that as soon as we humans stop the increase in greenhouse gases and achieve **net zero** (the amount of carbon dioxide humans cause to be emitted balanced by the amount absorbed by natural processes like photosynthesis and rock decay), the atmosphere and weather will stabilize within a few years. Likewise, in the new book Regeneration: Ending the climate crisis in one generation. (New York: Penguin Books, 2021) by Paul Hawken, Hawken quotes the International Panel on Climate Change report of 2020: “if we bring carbon dioxide [emissions] down to net zero, the warming will level off...within a decade or two.... This is a remarkable change in the scientific consensus.” (p.9). There is so much we can do. We have over 80 proven methods of drawing down carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. And with Mann, we can subsidize renewable power and withdraw the subsidies from

fossil fuels. And with Hawken, we can pass a farm bill subsidizing the best regenerative agricultural practices and plant billions of trees, plant millions of acres of hemp, and farm kelp like the Chinese are doing.

We need the political will and to get that will, in my opinion, will require that our current political system be reformed. When several Supreme Court decisions, the best known is Citizen’s United, declared money in political campaigns to be like “free speech”, bribery for politicians became legal. Mann does not get into these aspects of climate change policy.

There is more good news. In the book Electrify: An Optimist’s Playbook for our Clean Future by Saul Griffith (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2021), there is a detailed plan for converting our economy off fossil fuels. Griffith looks at the end use of energy: “We don’t just need to change our fuels; we need to change our machines.” (p.54) Because, electric motors are so much more efficient than internal combustion engines, **for 42% of the energy we now use**, we could power our cars and our heat pump space and water heaters and have the same standard of living as we have now! We would need to put solar panels on our roofs and wind turbines wherever we can. If we replace machines that burn fossil fuels **as they wear out** with electrically powered machines, we can make the transition in the time needed.

Griffith wants the Federal government to do the financing in the same way they financed home buying after the Great Depression. We also need to change hundreds of regulations in all jurisdictions. The transition would create millions of new jobs. Griffith suggests we nationalize the big fossil fuel companies. No private investor would lose money as that sector is drawn down. We will thank them for their service, for without fossil fuels, we would never have had the industrial revolution. We would need a new electric grid designed like the Internet. Each household or business could put in energy and take it out as needed. Again, the transition would need to be comparable to the effort by the Federal Government during World War II to mobilize industry to win the war. Private companies will do the work, but they will be managed by a public agency not by a board of directors wanting to maximize their profits in a “free” market.

Griffith uses an FDR quote for his epigraph:

**“This is an emergency as serious as war itself.”**

**YEMEN....AND UKRAINE....**

*by Louise Lansberry*

For over seven years, the Saudi War against Yemen has gone on. For most Americans, this conflict is not at all on their radar even though the United Nations calls Yemen the greatest humanitarian tragedy in the world because of breakdown in availability of food and medical care as well as destruction of their country. The war in Ukraine, however, is right before our eyes in the media as well as within various groups wanting to emphasize the plight of the Ukrainian people. There are many similarities in these two conflicts: Ukraine and Yemen were each invaded by a more powerful nation, Russia and Saudi Arabia respectively, wanting to re-define borders and change the leadership. Further, the United States has contributed greatly in each case to carrying out these wars: you already know what the US has been supplying to Ukraine, but the US has been providing the Saudis with intelligence, training of Saudi pilots, (for some time) mid-air re-fueling of Saudi military planes, and, critically, Congressional votes to allow fulfillment of Saudi requests for US planes and maintenance contracts for those planes.

Further, one of the aspects of the conflict in Ukraine that you hear about over and over is the guilt that the Russians have in terms of war crimes. I doubt you've heard about the war crimes of the Saudis against the Yemenis unless you read the June 4<sup>th</sup> story in the Washington Post that highlighted a study by the Security Force Monitor at Columbia University Law School. The authors of that work provided information on specific squadrons of the Saudi air force that bombed Yemeni schools, hospitals, and other civilian structures. as well as combatants.

What's the real goal in each of these conflicts? You probably have your own analysis of the Russian ambitions. In the case of Yemen, the Saudis not only want an opportunity to have an oil pipe line through Yemen to make shipping of oil easier, they also don't in any way want Iran to have any say in the governing of Yemen. However, the Houthis, the Yemeni group most involved in this war, have had only minimal support from Iran in stark contrast with the amount of support the Saudis have gotten from the United States.

A United Nations brokered truce was introduced in April, held through May and was extended through September. Although the air strikes by the Saudis as

well as the use of drones by the Houthis have ended during this period of time, the Saudis have not completely lifted the blockade of the main seaport or allowed the agreed upon flights from Sanaa airport, thus continuing the food and medical crisis of the Yemenis. A CNN report indicated that 400 thousand children are at risk for malnutrition and some 5 thousand need to leave the country for specialized medical care.

A further complication happened during Biden's visit to the Middle East in July when the United States and Saudi Arabia invoked United Nations Security Council Resolution 2216, the Jeddah Communique, which blames the Houthis for the war, needless to say a non-starter in working out any lasting agreement between the Saudis and the Houthis.

This past June, Reps. Jayapal and Defazio introduced HJR 87, the War Powers Resolution in the House to stop US complicity in helping Saudi Arabia. This resolution would require Congress to actually vote on whether the US should be involved in this conflict. Sen. Sanders has introduced a companion resolution in the Senate, SJR 56.

Unlike 2019, however, when the War Powers Resolution did pass both houses of Congress ( and then Trump vetoed it ) , there are concerns that it might not even pass Congress this time. Some members of Congress are saying the measure is "too harsh", that contractors can't stop servicing planes they sell to Saudi Arabia, and many don't want to rock the boat with Saudi Arabia.

Passage of the War Powers Resolution may not end the war in Yemen, but at least the United States will not be contributing to the continuation of the suffering.

Please contact your members of Congress and urge them to support HJR 87 and SJR 56 when these bills come up for a vote.

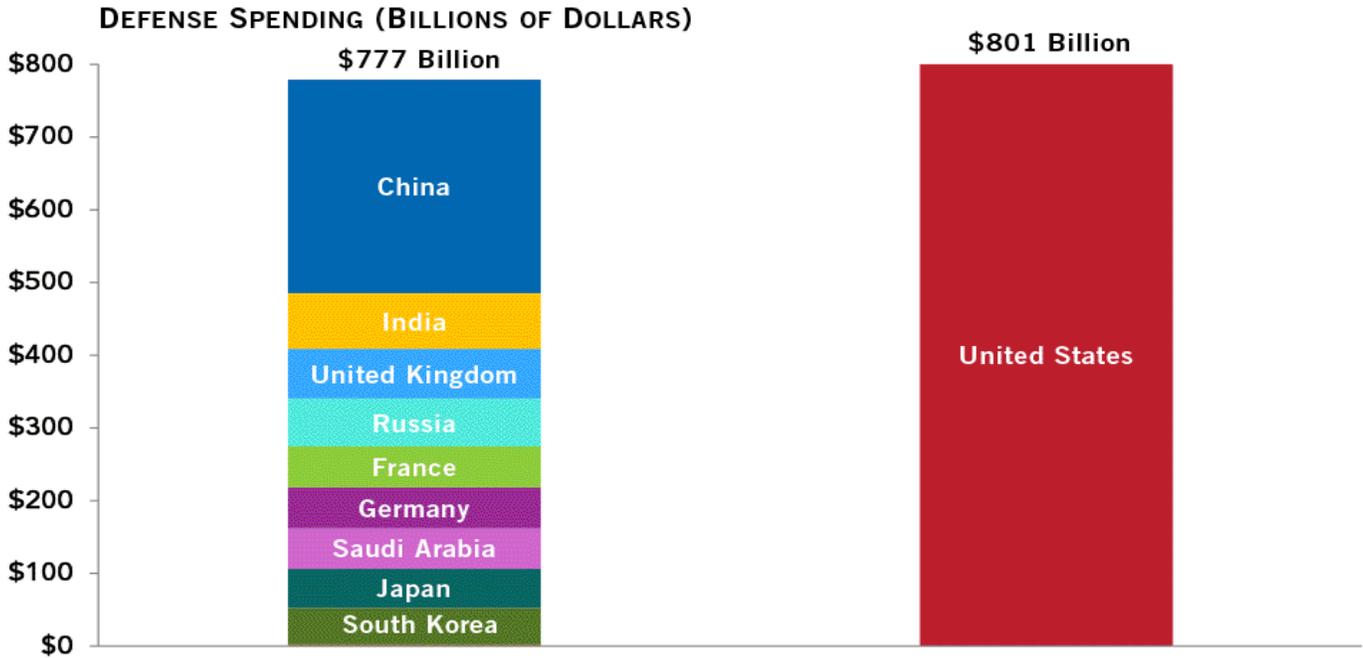
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# THE UNITED STATES MILITARY BUDGET



The United States spends more on defense than the next 9 countries combined

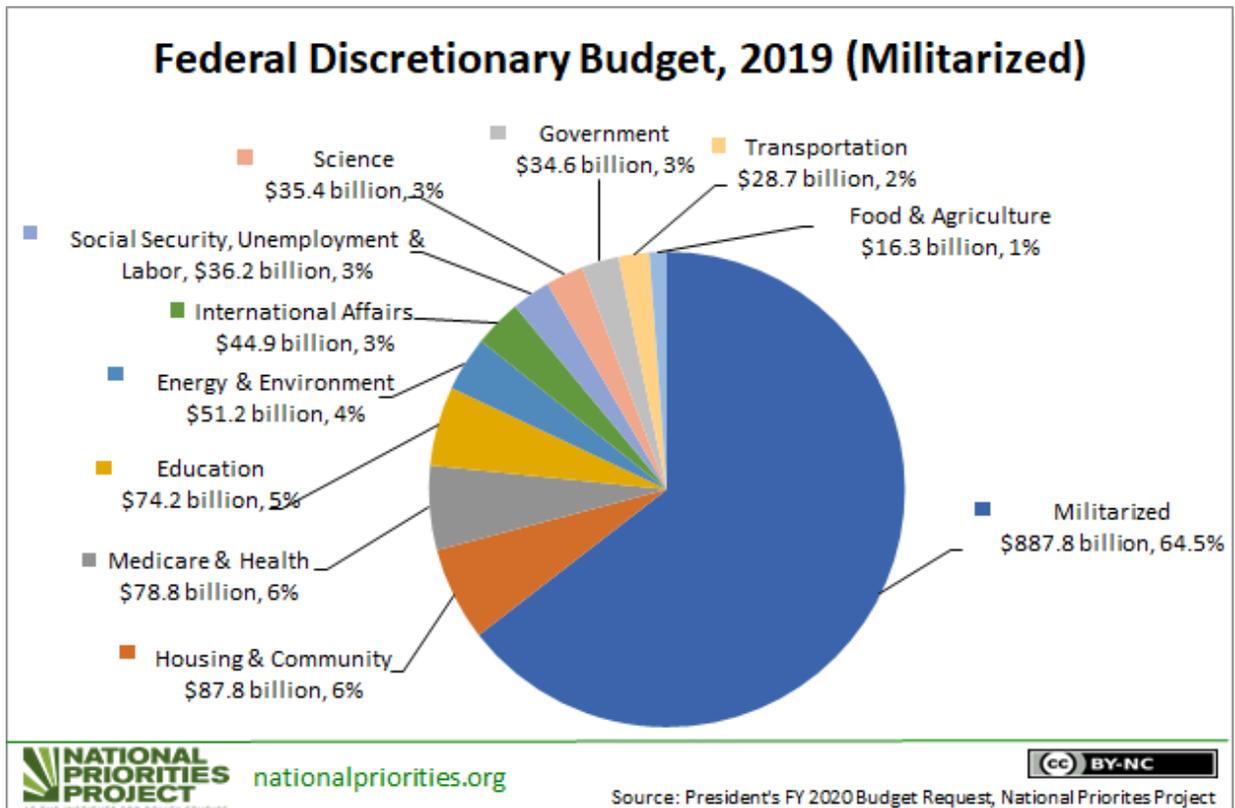


SOURCE: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, *SIPRI Military Expenditure Database*, April 2022.

NOTES: Figures are in U.S. dollars converted from local currencies using market exchange rates. Data for the United States are for fiscal year 2021, which ran from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Data for the other countries are for calendar year 2021. The source for this chart uses a definition of defense spending that is more broad than budget function 050 and defense discretionary spending.

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[nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org)



Source: President's FY 2020 Budget Request, National Priorities Project



SOME LETTERS TO THE EDITORS OF  
MAINSTREAM MEDIA THEY PRINTED

**Dear Seattle Times,**

I am writing in reference to the article in the Seattle Times [of Aug 15, 2022] *As threat grows, study warns even limited nuclear exchange would doom billions.*

[Alex Wigglesworth, Los Angeles Times, August 16, 2022.]

I was glad to see that the Seattle Times reported on the international study by scientists from Rutgers University. Even a limited exchange between nuclear armed nations would be catastrophic; killing millions initially and sparking firestorms that would put soot into the high stratosphere blocking sunlight, causing massive crop failures and the possible starvation of billions. I hope that the Seattle Times and other media will begin to highlight the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in their nuclear reporting. The TPNW is ratified by 59 countries to date. The treaty bans the use, possession, testing and transfer of nuclear weapons under international law. The United States has worked against this treaty and refuses to sign it. Yet, the consequences of any accidental or planned launch of nuclear weapons will have catastrophic effects for all life on this planet. Under the Reagan administration the US and Russia began eliminating much of their nuclear arsenal. It can be done again with good faith negotiations and a will to do away with these monstrous weapons.

Cindy Ann Cole

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**Editor of The Seattle Times,**

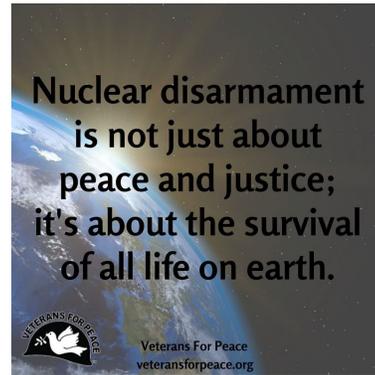
The August 15th article "As risk of nuclear weapons grows, study warns even a limited exchange could doom billions" relays a warning that all too many Americans fail to acknowledge, even if they are remotely aware.

In an attempt to awaken fellow citizens, a group called Citizens for Universal Abolition of Nuclear Weapons is holding a march and rally on September 24th, meeting at Cal Anderson Park at noon and marching to the Federal Building. ([www.abolishnuclearweapons.org](http://www.abolishnuclearweapons.org)).

Our Members of Congress as well as our President will not act to rid the world of these immoral weapons if we don't make our voices loud and clear and demand such action.

Louise Lansberry

Letter printed August 18, 2022



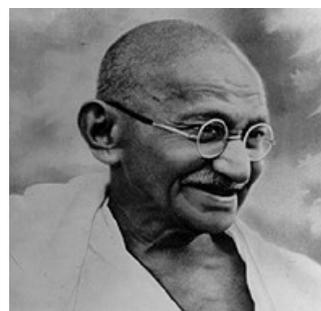
**What is Wealth?**

"Men of business rarely know the meaning of the word 'rich.' At least, if they do know, they do not in their reasoning's allow for the fact that it is a relative word, implying its opposite 'poor' as positively as the word 'north' implies its opposite 'south'. Men nearly always speak and write as if riches were absolute, and it were possible, by following certain scientific precepts, for everybody to be rich. Whereas riches are a power like that of electricity, acting only through inequalities or negations of itself. The force of a guinea you have in your pocket depends wholly on the default of a guinea in your neighbors pocket. If he did not want it, it would be of no use to you; the degree of power it possesses depends accurately upon the need or desire he has for it, - and the art of making yourself rich, in ordinary mercantile economist's sense, is therefore equally and necessarily the art of keeping your neighbor poor. pp 180-181.

"I desire, in closing the series of introductory papers, to leave this one great fact clearly stated. There is no Wealth but Life. Life, including all its powers of love, joy, and admiration. **That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings...**" p 222.

These quotes are from John Ruskin. Unto This Last and Other Writings. London: Penguin Books. 1985. (originally published in 1862)

**When Gandhi read this book, he found some of his deepest convictions and he thereafter transformed his life.**



**2022 Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship**

“Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” – Dr. Seuss

“Activism is my rent for living on the planet.”- Alice Walker

by Bruce Pruitt-Hamm

Since the turn of the millennium the WWFOR has nurtured a unique long-term training program for youth in the theory and skills of nonviolent activism. In the year 2000 the Peace Activist Trainee program had 2 participants. In the 22 years following, more than 150 youth activists have received funding, training and support from WWFOR. In 2014 the PAT program merged into the Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship in honor of PAT founder and WWFOR Organizer, Mike Yarrow, who died of cancer at age 74 that year. From 2014 to the present the MYPF program has been organized by 3 volunteer Co-Directors, assisted each year by youth leaders who have emerged from the program to help with the training and support work.

In 2022, Co-Directors Bruce and Janis Pruitt-Hamm and Mary Lou Finley are joined by 2017 MYPF Graduate and WWFOR Regional Council member, Sarah Pham, now enrolled at the University of Washington. Sarah will be leading monthly “Strategy/Support” meetings via Zoom, starting 9/11/22, and has set up digital spaces for the MYPF to communicate and support each other through the year. This leadership team is working with 10 young activists, ages 14 to 19, accepted as Peace Fellows for 2022-23.

**Nirja Thaler, 17, Olympia**

Co-founder of the Feminism Club at Olympia High School, Nirja is interested in criminal justice and racial justice issues. She hopes to lobby the legislature and organize public protest, seeking skills to become a better leader for a better world.

**Nesiah Humphrey, 14, and sister Nnenaya Humphrey, 15, Montreal**

Sisters Nesiah and Nnenaya are homeschooled and live in Montreal, Quebec. They plan to work together on the “crisis of soil erosion”. Despite the apparent non-vital appearance of dirt, our Mother Earth's topsoil is the greatest reservoir and donor of microbial diversity on the planet, recycling waste, purifying water fixing inorganic CO2 to organic carbon and a myriad of other processes essential for life.

**Dwija Adamala, 17, Olympia**

Having participated in protests regarding gun safety, human rights, Black Lives Matter, and environmental issues, Dwija intends to work as Peace Fellow on the increasing problem of “economic inequality” and hopes to “promote a

more equitable future in Olympia.” More specifically, Dwija plans to “create workshops to inform people about the connection between economic inequality and other forms of persistent inequality” and create an action guide on the issue.

**Leo Perry, 16, East Wenatchee**

President of Eastmont High School's Queer Straight Alliance Club (QSA) and the Youth Representative for Wenatchee Pride, Leo's goal as a MYPF activist is to “make LGBTQIA students and youth feel accepted and loved in my community and also educate non LGBTQIA people about the movement.” Living in Douglas County, pop. 45,000, Leo's activism on behalf of sexual orientation minorities is set in the context of “one of the most strongly Republican counties in the state in presidential elections”, with over 60% voting for Trump in both 2016 and 2020 elections.

**Jenna Willingham, 15, Olympia**

Putting it simply, Jenna stated on her application, “I want to be a positive voice for change.” Currently a member of a Racial Equity group at Olympia High School Jenna plans to work on systemic racism. She has a focus on “unconscious bias”.

**Hannah Martin, 15, Olympia**

A cheerleader and a feminist, Hannah wants to “pursue activism as my career” because “activism brings me a personal sense of accomplishment, as well as helps to improve the lives of those around me.” Having already organized 2 school walkouts on gun violence and the overturning of Roe v. Wade, Hannah is already a seasoned activist, having attended many protests and engaged in organizing on a range of topics such as women's rights, black lives matter, and climate change. Her MYPF project is to implement a feminist curriculum at Olympia High School.

**Angella Clarke, 15, Fargo ND**

Angella was a MYPF in 2021 and is repeating the program to continue her work on “Period Poverty” and access to feminine hygiene products at her school.

**Christine Zhang, 16, Olympia**

Christine was also a MYPF in 2021, working on gender equality and digital literacy. As a consequence of work on her MYPF project in 2021 she was recommended and appointed to the Olympia School Board as one of 2 Student Representatives on June 23, 2022. She is the founder of “By Her 4 Her” and her project has been to get a digital literacy curriculum adopted by elementary schools in the Olympia area. She has met with legislators, school administrators and School Board members in furtherance of her project and recognizes her work is not yet finished, even though she has enjoyed remarkable successes.

**Kimberly Il, 19, Olympia/Seattle**

As a Cambodian-American with refugee parents who resettled in the U.S. after the Khmer took over Cambodia, Kim plans to work on helping Khmer refugees who face deportation back to Cambodia. A student at UW, she has experience organizing for release of detainees at the NW Detention Center in Tacoma.

