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*Public-interest advocates call it “NAFTA on steroids in Asia,” but the public, the press, and even members of Congress didn’t know what was being negotiated in the Transpacific Partnership agreement until some of it was leaked last June. The full text is still unknown.*

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## The Secret Pacific Rim Agreement for Unprecedented Corporate Power

by Lori Wallach

Have you heard about the devastating new sneak attack corporate America has launched? A dream of the 1 percent, in one blow, it could:

- Off-shore millions of American jobs
- Free the banksters from oversight to crash the global economy again
- Jack up the price of medicines
- Flood us with unsafe food and products
- Ban Buy America policies needed to create green jobs and rebuild our economy
- Empower corporations to attack our environmental and health safeguards before tribunals of corporate lawyers, and demand unlimited taxpayer dollars as compensation

Meet the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) “free trade” agreement.

Warning: it’s not really mainly about trade. Rather, the usual gang of American job off-shorers, banksters, oil, gas and mining giants, and agribusiness monopolists—the ones that got us into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)—have designed a stealthy Trojan horse strategy. They’re using negotiations that they have branded as “trade” as their delivery mechanism to impose many non-trade policies that could undermine our basic needs and rights.

Officials from the U.S. and eight Pacific Rim nations—Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam—are in intensive, closed-door negotiations meeting every six weeks to sign a TPP deal in 2012. Every Pacific Rim nation from China and Russia to Indonesia could eventually be included. Mexico and Canada just joined, making TPP truly NAFTA-on-steroids with the world.



There are draft texts for 26 TPP chapters, most of which have nothing to do with trade, but rather impose limits on domestic food safety, health, environmental, and other policies. The governments won’t release the texts to the public, press, or congressional staff. But 600 U.S. corporate “trade advisors” have full access. Some texts have leaked; here is what we know:

**Job Loss, Greater Income Inequality:** This deal is slated to include the extreme foreign investor protections that help corporations off-shore American jobs to low-wage countries. These NAFTA-style terms give special benefits to firms that relocate investment and jobs – and this deal includes Vietnam, the low-cost off-shoring alternative to even China. Since NAFTA and the global WTO, the U.S. has lost 5 million (1 out of every 4) of its manufacturing jobs, while 42,000 manufacturing plants have closed. (You can check

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trade jobs loss in your state at [www.tradewatch.org](http://www.tradewatch.org) —go to the “Trade Data Center.”) At the same time, we are off-shoring service-sector jobs in computer programming, engineering, accounting, medical diagnostics, and more. Government data show that when workers lose manufacturing jobs to trade, or professional service sector jobs are off-shored, then wages across the economy are pushed down. The result: real median wages are barely above 1970s levels, even as American worker productivity has soared.

**SOPA-style Attack on Internet Freedom:** While Americans’ activism nationwide tanked the extreme Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), many of the same provisions exist in TPP’s copyright chapter. This includes imposing penalties on internet providers unless they police how you use the internet and slamming consumers with fines for small-scale, non-commercial copying of content. The ACLU called TPP “the biggest threat to free speech and intellectual property that you’ve never heard of.”

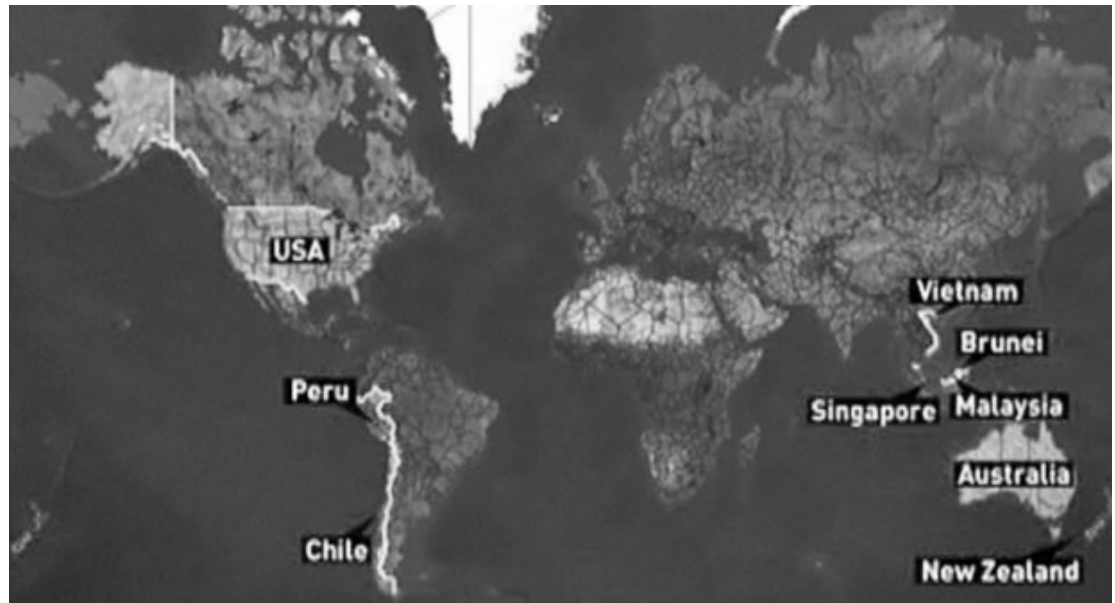
**Benefits for Banksters:** Wall Street wants to use the TPP to roll back new safeguards that many nations have passed to get banks and securities firms under control and restore financial stability. Governments would not be allowed to ban risky financial services or products, impose limits on the size of firms so they cannot get too big to fail, or use “capital controls” to avoid future crises by forestalling floods of hot money speculation. Translated out of technical jargon: This deal

would be a get-out-of-regulation free card for the financial firms that wrecked our economy.

**U.S. Environmental, Health Laws Attacked:** The pact would include expansion of the notorious “investor-state” enforcement system. This empowers corporations to use World Bank and UN tribunals staffed by private corporate lawyers to skirt domestic laws and courts and directly sue our government to demand unlimited taxpayer compensation if they think our laws limit their “expected future profits.” Really! Under NAFTA alone, over \$350 million already has been paid to foreign investors in successful corporate attacks on toxic bans, land use rules, and timber policies. And over \$12 billion more in claims is pending against environmental, safety, public health policy under NAFTA-style deals. Under the TPP, foreign firms could even challenge changes to government procurement contracts outside the national administrative and court system—a privilege local firms don’t get.

**Higher Medicine Prices:** Big Pharma would get extreme new privileges that would jack up prices and cut consumers’ access to life-saving medicines. This is not only about the big drug companies getting long monopoly patent terms to charge whatever they want, but also it would set new limits on access to drug safety test data so that even when patents ended, generic drugs could not be produced to bring down costs. Plus, there is even a proposal to establish new restrictions on cost-saving drug formularies. This attack is aimed

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*Map: Screenshot from Canadian Broadcasting Corporation  
Closed-door negotiations have been taking place between the United States administration and these Pacific Rim partners: Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. Mexico and Canada have recently become partners, as well.*

**New re-designed  
WAMM website:  
[www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org)**

# PM Advertising for the Best Military and Government Money Can Buy by Polly Mann

WAMM's name tells you that the organization is against militarism. True enough. But militarism is the undergirding for the force that WAMM is up against—an oppressive economic system with its mercenary arm—the military—standing in the wings. (That mercenary arm is not always called upon; its presence as an underlying threat is enough for the economic system to be able to exert its will in the world.)

Here, in the U.S.—and also as an export to other countries—corporations constantly deliver messages to influence public opinion in order to get people to buy whatever it is they are selling. These messages are marketed to the public through advertising.

Advertising, then, is a cost of doing business. According to *Adbusters* magazine, spending per person in the U.S. was \$276 in 1986; in 2011 it was \$498. (You may be curious about the magazine itself. It is published in Canada in large format—about 9" x 12"—and is heavily illustrated in full color. It's rather expensive—\$8.95 per copy, but that's because it has no advertisers paying to run ads in it. Its content deconstructs ads and parodies advertising messages.) *Adbusters* asks the question: "What's the point of living in one of the most advanced, dynamic, and affluent nations on Earth if we're feeling stressed out and anxious all the time?" Oh yes, the average number of ads we're exposed to each day is 3,000!

I don't know if the amount spent on promoting the military or political campaigns was included in the figures, but advertising is used to market both.

Militarism is heavily marketed through advertising. It takes many forms, including ads encouraging the young to travel to exotic places and/or enjoy a \$20,000 bonus (seldom actually awarded at the time) through enlistment in the military. Then there's the promotion of weaponry—specialized, and rarely reaching the public's eye. But online, you can discover publications such as the *National Defense Magazine* with lots of names of munitions manufacturers and their products. One fascinating item bore the Orwellian title, "See How Companies Like Howe & Howe Technologies Achieve Peace with Solidarity."

You can hardly say that advertisers and marketers are directly responsible for war because they don't manufacture arms, but they can act as tools by the forces that receive direct economic benefit from war—many big corporations in this country, and they are part of the economic system upon which this country rests.

Then, there are the political ideas, ideologies, and candidates' campaigns that are sold, or "marketed" to the public through advertising. Here, in the U.S., where more and more checks on power have disappeared, we see private money from competing groups and super-wealthy individuals like Sheldon Adelson, the Koch Brothers, and George Soros working to dominate the message.

It's estimated that as much as \$8 billion will be spent this election cycle compared with \$3 billion spent in the 2010 election and \$5.3 billion in 2008. Most observers agree that the reason for the increase is the 2010 Supreme Court ruling in the Citizens United case that allows what used to be considered "electioneering communications." Now corporations and unions can spend unlimited money for TV advertising for political candidates and causes (and guess who has the most money?). \*

More than ever the saying rings true: "We have the best government money can buy."

This, in spite of what the public thinks. A 2010 CBS News/New York Times poll found that 86 percent of respondents believed it important to limit campaign spending, but public opinion won't matter much because it's hard to believe that either major political party would support such a limitation.

Are we then hopelessly locked into a system where the money of giant corporations and billionaires can buy favoritism for continued militarism and their choice of political representation? Well, now we're back to the magazine *Adbusters*. It has done more than parody ads. It actually launched the Occupy Movement by encouraging people to challenge Wall Street.

\*Some state laws, including those of Minnesota, have mitigating effects on electioneering because they require disclosure of spending. These states have been sued by corporate interests, but Minnesota has, so far, continued to enforce disclosure.

*Polly Mann is a cofounder of WAMM. Her column appears regularly in this newsletter.*

*Original Adbusters magazine poster, calling for Occupy of Wall Street in 2011.*

*(Incorporates the 3-dimensional work of Arturo Di Modica titled "Charging Bull.")*

## RESOURCES

**Occupy Live! Presentation**  
Building a World That Works for All. Tuesday, November 13. See calendar on page 6 for further details.

## WORD UP!

**Not Going to Party**  
The League of Women Voters is withdrawing its sponsorship of the presidential debate scheduled for mid-October because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear to us that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and honest answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public.

—press release, the League of Women Voters, 1988

**They have not returned to sponsorship since.**





## Peace & Justice Awards to John and Marie Braun and Steve Clemens

Congratulations to these amazing peace and justice advocates and WAMM members (who also conduct their work through other organizations, making connections that keep the whole peace movement strong) for recognition we know they so richly deserve because of decades of profound dedication. Steve Clemens is the recipient of the 2012 Vincent L. Hawkinson Honorary Peace and Justice Award to recognize a lifetime contribution to the causes of peace and justice. The 2012 Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Award will be given to Marie and John Braun. See details on the Calendar page this issue.

### WAMM THANKS

Thanks to all the wonderful donors, volunteers and participants who made the WAMM Silent Auction a success.

*Photo: Susu Jeffrey  
The springhouse at Coldwater with mallard ducks at the reservoir in the foreground. The crossed tree trunks in the background are of the "Spirit Tree," where offerings were left; it was cut down, as were all the original trees in the area.*

## Coldwater: Sacred Site or Military Monument?

The National Park Service (NPS) is imposing its vision of Coldwater Springs by recreating the landscape and the history of the place.

"Spring water is sacred," says Anishinabe teacher Dennis Jones. In 2006, the Lower Sioux of Morton declared Coldwater "and the land that surrounds it" to be a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) and "sacred." NPS limits TCP designation to that one Dakota tribe, not all Dakota.

Collecting water at Coldwater is a humbling experience. You want to fill your jug at the precise place where the water exits out of bedrock. First, leave an offering, then bend over double, and just below your feet feel the water gushing out.

About three feet down, inside the springhouse, 70,000 gallons of spring water a day miraculously pour forth. Native people insist that the water be gathered from bedrock, not from a pipe. Coldwater Creek rushes down the Mississippi Gorge a quarter mile, tumbles over a waterfall and empties into the Mississippi where the bedrock is 451 million years old.

### White History Only

Local NPS staff does not want people inside the springhouse, does not want people to drink Coldwater, and does not recognize Coldwater as a sacred Native American site. "There is scant evidence that Coldwater Spring was a significant ceremonial site to the Dakota," declares one NPS website.

Only one hand-held container at a time can be filled at Coldwater. "To protect the public's safety, the National Park Service has sealed off the springhouse interior," NPS announced foregoing a three-step stair to the spring water source, the last natural spring in Hennepin County.

The NPS version of history at this 10,000-year-old spring begins in 1820 with U.S. soldiers' occupation of the area. Coldwater furnished water to Fort Snelling from 1820 to 1920. In the 1880s, with the post-Civil War economic recovery, a

waterworks complex was built including the springhouse, reservoir-pond, pump house, fuel storage, water tanks and engineer's house.

Nothing of the military-industrial waterworks is left except the ruins of the limestone springhouse and reservoir. From 1950 to 1991 the Bureau of Mines conducted mining research on the fenced campus in the expansive Post-World War II era that fueled the great middle class. (We haven't won a war since, so no peace dividends.)

### Before Soldiers Drank Coldwater

Coldwater was part of the Louisiana Purchase (1803), which France sold to pay for Napoleon's wars. NPS secured \$3 million to restore Coldwater to pre-contact parkland as part of the Fort Snelling district, a National Historic Landmark.

There is a contradiction in fixing up a military ruin in order to restore the land to a time before the military existed. NPS razed the old mining research campus; Coldwater supporters were thankful.

However, NPS then clear-cut the area around the spring, de-vegetated and re-contoured the land with tons and tons of dirt fill, and planted 200 new trees in the fall of this drought year. The land isn't restored to a natural state. It is a manmade construction, a McPark, featuring vistas but without 9,000 years of Native American history.

We don't know if Indian people were at Coldwater, "because they didn't write down their stories," John Anfinson, NPS chief of natural and cultural resources, told a Coldwater tour group in November 2011.

Yet evidence has been found of indigenous people going back thousands of years all over the region. A 14,000-year-old Paleo-Indian village site was found in Walker, Minnesota, near Leech Lake in a glacial gravel deposit. A 9,000-year-old burial with Clovis and Folsom spear points was uncovered at Browns Valley on the Continental Divide in western Minnesota between Lake Traverse and Big Stone Lake. The burial indicates a village population with ceremonial funeral rites.

Nine thousand years ago a giant bison mired in the backwaters of the Mississippi-Minnesota confluence was brought down by Paleo-Indian spear-throwers. State archaeologist Robert Clouse identified a stone fragment uncovered in Mendota as part of a five-inch bison spear point. The hardstone spear point was mined upstream on the Minnesota River about 75 river miles near Mankato. Clouse thought the distance represented the people's annual migration, not trade. Bison

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# October 2012 WAMM Calendar

Please note that WAMM's provision of information on other group's events is not meant to convey or endorse any action contrary to public policy that would be inconsistent with exempt purposes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) i.e., charitable purposes.

## Ongoing WAMM Vigils for Peace

### Vigil to End War:

Every Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge spanning the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and St. Paul. FFI: Call 612-522-1861 or WAMM 612-827-5364.

### Vigil to End the Occupation of

**Palestine:** Every Friday, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. at Summit and Snelling Avenues, St. Paul. FFI: Call WAMM, 612-827-5364.

**Peace Vigil:** Every Tuesday, 5:00 to 6:00 pm on the Eastside of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-379-7398

For information on additional peace vigils in Minnesota and Wisconsin, call the WAMM office at 612-827-5364 or visit [www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org).

## Ongoing WAMM Committee Meetings

**Board Meeting:** Third Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM, 612-827-5364.

**Book Club:** Third Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. FFI and Location: Contact Suzy, 651-451-8627 or [suzykoch@comcast.net](mailto:suzykoch@comcast.net).

**End War Committee: Acting Against War and the Threats of War.** First Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. FFI: Call Marie 612-827-5364

**Ground All Drones.** All WAMM members invited to attend recently formed committee to oppose weaponized drones killing people in other countries and surveillance drones threatening civil liberties in the U.S. FFI: [luciaaws@usiwireless.com](mailto:luciaaws@usiwireless.com) or 612-616-6249, or the WAMM office, 612-827-5364.

**Middle East Committee:** Second Monday of each month, 9:30 a.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM, 612-827-5364.

**Media Committee:** FFI: Email the committee, [wammmedia@gmail.com](mailto:wammmedia@gmail.com).

**WAMM Occupy:** FFI: Call WAMM, 612-827-5364.

**St. Joan of Arc/WAMM Peacemakers:** Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Barbara, 612-722-4444

### Tackling Torture at the Top (T3):

Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. at Afro Deli and Coffee, 1939 5th Street South (Riverside and 20th Avenue), Minneapolis.

## Ongoing Events

### Committee to Stop FBI Repression.

Stand with the people subpoenaed in a witch hunt, defend civil liberties. Learn what you can do. All who stand up and act for justice and solidarity are welcome. FFI: See [stopfbi.net](http://stopfbi.net) and [mnStopFBI.wordpress.com](http://mnStopFBI.wordpress.com), or call (612) 379-3585.

### People of Faith Peacemakers

**Breakfast:** Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at new location: African Development Center, Riverside and 20th Avenues. A resource and support group for those concerned about peace with justice from a faith perspective. FFI: [www.justviewpoint.org](http://www.justviewpoint.org) or call 763-784-5177

### Grandmothers for Peace:

First Wednesday 12:45 p.m. at Edina Public Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. Program around justice issue that helps us to understand our role in changing unjust systems. FFI: 952-929-1566

### Tea Time Conversational Salons:

Most Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mad Hatter's Teahouse, 943 West Seventh St., St. Paul. Salons are open to all. Suggested donations \$3-\$5 include tea, treats. FFI: 651-227-2511 or 651-227-3228.

### Third Thursday Global Issues

**Forum:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, Groveland at Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis. FFI: [globalsolutionsmn.org](http://globalsolutionsmn.org)

### Middle East Peace Now:

Usually 2nd or 3rd Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:00 a.m. Program. Location may vary. FFI: Call 651-696-1642 or see [www.mepn.org](http://www.mepn.org)

### MN 9/11 Truth:

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 North Dale Street, St. Paul. Meets to educate and discuss the events of 9/11/2001. FFI: [www.mn911truth.org](http://www.mn911truth.org).

### Dignity, Not Detention Vigil:

Every first Sunday, 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. at 425 Grove Street (Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center). Vigil for civil immigrant detainees in jail at request of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Sponsored by: Interfaith Coalition for Immigration, Advocates for Human Rights and others. FFI: Email [interfaithonimmigration@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithonimmigration@gmail.com)

## Special Events

### The Zionist-Arab Conflict from

**All Angles:** Presenter: Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh Saturday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Program and Discussion at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Avenue S., Minneapolis. Sponsored by Middle East Peace Now, WAMM Middle East Committee, others. See announcement: back page. FFI: Dixie Vella at 952-941-1341 or <http://www.mepn.org>

### WAMM New Office Open

**House:** Sunday, October 28, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., 4200 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis. Hot cider, coffee. Informal chatting by fireplace. Find out about our subcommittee work. Bring a friend.

**Media Manipulation:** Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m., Cedar Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. Panel discussion. Sponsored by WAMM Media Committee. See announcement back page.

### Community Sing with WAMM!

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Eagles Club, 2507 East 25th Street (corner of 25th Ave. & 25th St. in Seward neighborhood), Minneapolis. Song writing contest. See flyer this newsletter. FFI: 612-827-5364 or [www.mnsings.com](http://www.mnsings.com), [mnsings@gmail.com](mailto:mnsings@gmail.com)

### Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) Award to Marie and John Braun FOR Annual Fall

**Conference:** Sunday, November 11, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Anderson Student Center, Hamline University (NE Corner of Englewood Street, just north of Minnehaha Avenue), St. Paul

### Occupy Live! Building a World

**That Works for All.** Tuesday, November 13, Hennepin Ave. Methodist Church, 511 Groveland, Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis. 6:00 p.m. Occupy displays, 7:00 p.m. Program. Learn more about the local Occupy Movement. Singer/song writer **David Rovic** performs Sponsored by Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers. \$5.00 admission, sliding scale if needed. FFI: Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers at [www.mapm.org](http://www.mapm.org) or call 612-522-1861.

### Bus to Close the School of Americas

**(SOA) Rally:** November 16-18. Bus to Columbus, Georgia, \$200; rooms to share up to four people. FFI: Jim Steinhagen 612-722-112

### Two Million Friends Candlelight

**Vigil:** Monday, December 10, Time: when it's dark. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge spanning the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM End War Committee and Merriam Park Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-827-5364

*Additional upcoming events are listed at [www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org), or you may call the WAMM office for more information: 612-827-5364. Other peace and justice events can be found on Minnesota Alliance for Peacemakers at [www.mapm.org](http://www.mapm.org).*

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at the successful medicine cost savings programs in New Zealand and Australia, but it could boomerang back to undermine similar programs used for Medicare, Medicaid, and the Veterans Administration.

**Ban on “Buy American”:** All firms operating in any signatory country must be given equal access to U.S. procurement contracts – rather than us recycling our tax dollars here to create American jobs. And local, state, and federal laws that condition access to government contracts on firms providing living wages or health would be subject to challenge. Companies could not be barred because of the horrible human rights conditions of their home countries or the firm’s record. That means Chinese government-owned firms in Vietnam where independent labor unions are forbidden would get equal treatment with American firms that meet U.S. labor, health, and safety standards in getting contracts for goods and service bought by the government paid for with our tax dollars. By limiting the permissible terms for such contracts, the TPP would turn what is now an important policy tool to create jobs and develop new green technologies into a new corporate off-shoring opportunity. For instance, specifications like “renewable/recycled” or “sweat free” and obligations for firms to meet prevailing wages could be challenged.

That’s just the surface of it. A lot more is at stake with this TPP corporate power grab dressed up as a trade agreement. The pact also includes chapters that would require privatization of public services, and deregulation of essential services, such as energy, health, and education. It would provide oil, gas, and mining corporations with new rights over natural resources. It would require us to accept food imports that do not meet our safety standards, while undermining consumer labeling.

All this begs an obvious question: Why has the current administration made this damaging corporate power tool initially cooked up by the previous administration its top “trade” policy priority?

The most hopeful explanation is ignorance facilitated by the sad habit of elite fealty to the “free trade” brand and extraordinary secrecy that has shut down media coverage and external alarms that might otherwise warn officials outside of the “trade” policymaking silo about what is really at stake. Those in the U.S. government who are positioned to know the expansive non-trade policy implications are also those who support this approach, including many Clinton-era retreads connected to the passage of NAFTA.

Yet if these talks result in the adoption of a final agreement based on the framework now under

negotiation, it could lock our country onto a future path devastating to most of us.

The only good news is that, in the past, some attempts to use the “trade” negotiation Trojan horse to impose this sort of wide-ranging extreme retrograde governance regime have been foiled. This includes the derailment of the Free Trade Area of the Americas, the Multilateral Agreement on Investment—and the original Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Free Trade Agreement. Then, as now, the public, policymakers, and the press can help derail these stealth attempts to undermine democracy by awakening to the threat before it is too late.

**Action:** Request that your congressional representative and senators send you a copy of the TransPacific Trade Agreement, and alert them to the fact that the public interest, not the profit of transnational corporations, is in your interest. Check with Public Citizen for the members of Congress concerned about specific issues raised by the TPP agreement.

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**Editor’s Update:** Groups advocating for the public interest demanded transparency and to participate in the latest round of negotiations of the TPP agreement that took place at Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, Virginia, on September 14. According to Global Watch Research Director Ben Beachy’s blog, “While Public Citizen and other organizations welcomed the opportunity to present critiques to negotiators, calling the event ‘engagement’ stretches the word beyond its bounds.” He describes an environment that restricted and marginalized any real public engagement. Reports, videos, more information about public advocacy pushback, protests, etc.: <http://www.citizen.org/trans-pacific-partnership-leesburg-round-14>

*Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizens Global Trade Watch, with a protester at an anti-TPP rally in Japan.*



### See No Evil

American actress Q’orianka Kilcher (above), an environmental and indigenous-rights activist of indigenous-Peruvian heritage, was with Rainforest Action Network at the site of the TPP negotiations to demand a release of the texts. While filming with her cell phone, the star of the film *Pocahontas* was handcuffed and arrested. She was the only person arrested, presumably because she was filming.

—compiled from reports in *Indian Country Media Network*, September 19, and *Rainforest Action Network*, September 14, 2012

## RESOURCES

### Public Citizen Global Trade Watch

Updates, analysis, information on TPP. Take action: sign a petition, demand a new trade model from your senators, send letters to key figures in TPP negotiations, media talking points, and much more. [www.citizen.org/trade](http://www.citizen.org/trade)  
Phone: 202-588-1000

**Citizens Trade Campaign**  
Some texts of the leaked TPP agreement drafts. <http://www.citizenstrade.org>

## WORD UP!

### Catching a Red Herring

Netanyahu's hyperbolic claims about the alleged Iranian threat at the United Nations served its purpose: it has focused media attention on Iran, rather than Israel's violation of more than three dozen UN Security Council resolutions.

—Stephen Zunes, September 2012, *Al Jazeera* and CBS interviews

### Hidden in Plain Sight

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report made public recently reveals that Iran has actually reduced the amount of 20-percent enriched uranium available for any possible "breakout" to weapons-grade enrichment over the last three months rather than increasing it. Contrary to the impression conveyed by most news media coverage . . .

—Gareth Porter, *Inter Press Service*, September 2012

### Death by U.S. Drones

From June 2004 through mid-September 2012, drone strikes killed 2,562-3,325 people in Pakistan. 474-881 were civilians, including 176 children . . . 1,228-1,362 individuals were injured.

—*The Bureau of Investigative Journalism*

## RESOURCES

**Living Under Drones: Death, Injury, and Trauma to Civilians from U.S. Drone Practices in Pakistan.** Report from International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, (Stanford Law School) and Global Justice Clinic (NYU School of Law), September, 2012

### Coldwater, continued from page 4

then were twice the size of today's buffalo and Coldwater Springs had been flowing for more than a thousand years.

Between Paleo-Indian big game hunters in Minnesota and 17th century Dakota, Anishinabe, and Ho Chunk peoples who dealt with French traders, a series of increasingly sophisticated cultures resided here. We do not know the names they called themselves, but they left a trail of their civilizations—consider the development of corn. "The world's greatest farmers and pharmacists," Jack Weatherford calls indigenous Americans.

Spring water is universally considered healing, "the first medicine." It is considered sacred in

## The Use of Drones is Military Madness!

announcement by Lucia Wilkes Smith

According to credible military leaders, analysts and policy makers, assassination by drone violates international and U.S. law. The U.S. has used drones to kill thousands of people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia. Many hundreds of the dead were civilians.

Drones used for domestic surveillance of U.S. citizens and residents potentially threaten our rights to privacy and to constitutionally-guaranteed rights to equal protection, due process, freedom of association and assembly, and protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

All WAMM members are invited to help with planning actions and educational sessions with the Ground All Drones Committee. For dates and locations of committee meetings, call the WAMM office at 612-827-5364, or 612-616-6249.



Photo: Kimm Anderson, *St. Cloud Times*  
*Ground All Drones. WAMM's New Ground All Drones Committee joins protest outside Camp Ripley.*

traditional American cultures, and is especially associated with women in the Americas, Africa and pre-Christian Europe. The Minnesota State Historical Society supports the Dakota claim that Coldwater is a Traditional Cultural Property. Before the army came to the spring it was good water. With the U.S. occupation Coldwater became property.

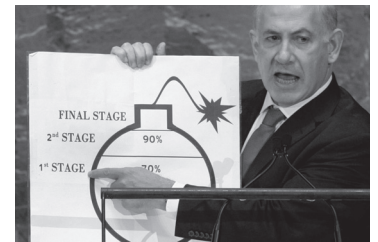
A petition supporting Dakota rights at Coldwater, a slide show, and a half-hour radio documentary produced at KFBI-FM can be accessed at: [www.FriendsofColdwater.org](http://www.FriendsofColdwater.org).

*Susu Jeffrey is a longtime WAMM member and has been involved since the Seneca antinuclear camp. She is the founder of Friends of Coldwater which, she says, "captured me by the heart" in 1995.*

## Cartoon Capers Redux

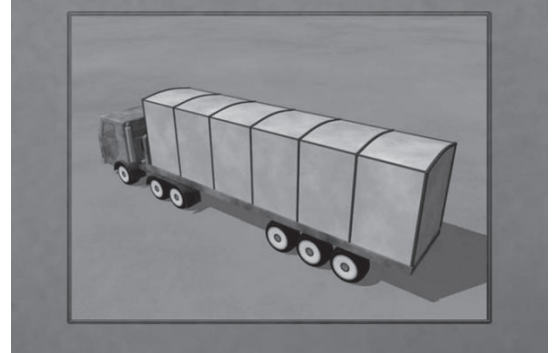
Members of the United Nations were, once again, treated to cartoon-like depictions of WMD in a Middle East-

ern country, with a large part of the intent being to gain support from the home audiences of the



presenters. With a diagram worthy of *Looney Tunes*, in September of 2012, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu (pictured here showing Iran's supposed proximity to creating a nuclear bomb) spoke of a red line he wanted drawn on Iran's nuclear capability. It was reminiscent of the presentation made to the UN by then Secretary of State Colin Powell in February of 2003, leading up to the war on Iraq, when he showed diagrams of trucks that were supposed to be moving biological weapons around Iraq. As foolish as they may appear, it is no laughing matter when powerful men talk about taking action that will result in massive death and destruction.

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## Nuclear weapons: Iran and Israel Which is the bigger threat?

The prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, has declared that Iran must not be allowed to have a nuclear weapon, and is threatening preemptive military action against Iran. The presidential candidates from both major parties have repeated the threat and receive massive campaign donations and support, as do many politicians, from the powerful Israeli lobby, AIPAC. The mainstream media echo the idea that Iran is a danger to Israel.

Israel receives at least \$3 billion per year in U.S. taxpayer money, and we are expected to believe that Iran is an enemy. However, so-called "surgical" attacks on Iranian sites would kill tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of Iranian people and cause a cancer tsunami. A number of U.S. and Israeli military leaders and security officials from across the political spectrum have warned that an attack on Iran would likely provoke a full-scale regional war, as well as encourage Iran to develop nuclear weapons. Enflaming the region could even lead to World War III. Given the gravity of such consequences, shouldn't we be asking how real the nuclear threat from Iran is?

	ISRAEL	IRAN
<b>Number of nuclear weapons</b>	<b>estimates vary from 75 to more than 600 *</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Allows nuclear inspections by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>

\*The Arms Control Association estimated the number to be 75-200, August 12, 2012 <http://www.armscontrol.org>; *Jane's Defence Weekly* estimated Israel had 100-300 nuclear warheads: "Analysts: Israel viewed as world's 6th nuclear power." Published April 10, 2010. Ynet. Retrieved Sept. 29, 2012 <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3873755,00.html>; a 2009 Center for Strategic and International Studies report, "Study on a Possible Israeli Strike on Iran's Nuclear Development Facilities," stated Israel may possess 300-400 nuclear weapons; investigative journalist Seymour Hersh estimated the rate of production to mean 600 had been produced by late 2006. Interview. *DemocracyNow*: November 21, 2006 [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org).

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will be held on Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. TWJ is a volunteer driven non-profit, fair market sale to help strengthen the economic independence of artisans worldwide and raise local awareness of global poverty and social justice. Items for sale include: Pottery • Baskets • Jewelry • Textiles • Clothing • Rugs • Cards • Ornaments. Visit the displays and learn more about the groups.



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## **LOOKING AT THE ZIONIST-ARAB CONFLICT FROM ALL ANGLES**

*Presenter: Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh*

**Saturday, October 27**

**9:30 a.m. Refreshments**

**10:00 a.m. to noon Program & Discussion**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale  
Avenue South, Minneapolis**

Professor Qumsiyeh speaks about Palestinian popular non-violent resistance and explains how a durable peace can be built. After serving on the faculties at Duke and Yale Universities, Professor Qumsiyeh returned to Palestine, where he teaches at three universities. Sponsored by Middle East Peace Now. Co-sponsored by Al-Aqsa Institute of Minnesota, Middle East Committee of W.A.M.M., Minnesota Break the Bonds Campaign, Minnesota Peace Project FFI: <http://www.mepn.org>, or call Dixie Vella at 952-941-1341

## **MEDIA MANIPULATION**

*A panel presentation by the  
W.A.M.M. Media Committee.*

**Tuesday, October 30, 2012 7:00 p.m.**

**Cedar Center, 4200 Cedar Avenue South,  
Minneapolis**

*Who owns the Media? Who Are the Gatekeepers? What is  
the role of Independent Media? What can Progressives Do?*

Panel members addressing these questions:

- Don Olson, Moderator, host of *Northern Sun News*, KFAI
- Dan Feidt, web developer, journalist, *Twin Cities Indymedia* volunteer, supported live video for Occupy Wall Street with *GlobalRevolution.tv*
- Lydia Howell, produces and hosts *Catalyst*, a KFAI radio program on politics and culture
- John Slade, involved with Free Radio Twin Cities, and the founding of *Twin Cities Indymedia* and Counter Propaganda Coalition