



Update: On June 17, the British court ordered the extradition to the United States of Wikileaks publisher Julian Assange, who exposed U.S. war crimes. Assange is an Australian citizen. More on page 2.

CODE RED: Militarism Fuels Climate Change

by Sue Ann Martinson

'A Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy' must end wars, military culture, and the violence of militarized forces and police in our communities and across the world.¹

— Sha Merirei Ongelungel, Indigenous Peoples' Network

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has over 800 bases and over 4,775 defense sites in the world. DOD

owns 8.8 million acres in the U.S. alone with at least one base in each state.²

For decades the U.S. military has contaminated the air, soil, and water worldwide, including in the United States, by burning or burying contaminants on land or dumping them in the ocean and then hiding or simply not reporting major pollution. Aside from

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Grassroots Global Justice Alliance is one of the few environmental groups that makes the connection between the military and the climate crisis.

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Save the First Amendment: Free Julian Assange!

by Mike Madden

At the World Press Freedom Roundtable on April 28, 2021, while scolding “repressive governments” that “incarcerate journalists,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken lauded the Biden-Harris administration’s commitment to press freedom saying that people everywhere should be free to “seek, receive, and share information and ideas.”¹

Yet the accusation found on page two of the 18-count indictment of incarcerated publisher Julian Assange states that he and WikiLeaks, “repeatedly sought, obtained, and disseminated” classified information.²

Seek/sought, receive/obtained, share/disseminated: are these not synonyms differing in tense only? Or perhaps the distinction is that journalists can engage in these activities once or twice, but may not do so “repeatedly”? Whatever his rationale, Secretary Blinken and the Biden administration are engaged in a frontal assault on the First Amendment and freedom of the press.

British Home Secretary Priti Patel is expected to affirm or deny Julian Assange’s extradition to the United States to face these bogus charges before June 20, 2022. A member of the Henry (Scoop) Jackson Society,³ her decision is not expected to be favorable. If unfavorable, the struggle will continue.

Assange would likely exercise his right to cross-appeal and contest the adverse rulings in the initial extradition hearings where the Magistrate’s Court denied his extradition for reasons related to the threat harsh U.S. prison conditions posed to his mental health. Among those adverse rulings were that the U.S. prosecution was not political in nature, and that he would receive a fair trial in the United States. The facts that the CIA spied on

him while in the Ecuadorian Embassy violating his attorney/client privilege,⁴ and even plotted his kidnapping and assassination were dismissed.⁵

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Supreme Secrecy

“In U.S. v. Zubaydah, government torture policy and state secrets converge. A torture victim requested information related to his treatment at a CIA ‘black site,’ and the government blocked that request, citing national security interests. Seven members of the U.S. [Supreme] Court joined parts of an opinion siding with the government, with only Justices Sotomayor and Gorsuch dissenting. The case has implications for other torture-related cases and for government accountability more broadly as it expands state secrecy powers based on a doctrine that was already overbroad and suspect in its origins.”

– *Foreign Policy in Focus, May 31, 2022*

2022 U.S. Military Spending: the Shameful Facts



2022 U.S. MILITARY SPENDING NOW OVER 35% OF THE MILITARY SPENDING IN THE WHOLE WORLD! YES...We are a "Military" Government! Just Follow the Money!

WORLD RANK	COUNTRY	ANNUAL MILITARY BUDGET
1.	United States	\$753 Billion
2.	China	\$252 B
3.	India	\$ 73 B
4.	Russia	\$ 62 B
5.	United Kingdom	\$ 59 B
6.	Saudi Arabia	\$ 58 B
7.	Germany	\$ 53 B
8.	France	\$ 53 B
9.	Japan	\$ 49 B
10.	South Korea	\$ 46 B
11.	Italy	\$ 29 B
12.	Australia	\$ 28 B
13.	Canada	\$ 23 B
14.	Israel	\$ 22 B
15.	Brazil	\$ 20 B

MILITARY GREED...HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Over 47% of the Fiscal Year 2022 "Discretionary" Budget of \$1.688 trillion will go to the Department of Defense (Pentagon) and the other 21 Departments/Agencies will have to split the remaining 53% as shown below.

Department/Agency	Amount	% of Total
DEFENSE (Pentagon)	\$753 Billion	47%
Health/Human Services	\$133 B	8%
Veterans Affairs	\$113 B	7%
Education	\$ 73 B	4%
Homeland Security	\$ 52 B	3%
Justice	\$ 35 B	2%
Environmental Protection	\$ 11 B	1%

Source: Office of Management and Budget

How's that for a distorted sense of priorities?

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."
– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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THE "SHAMEFUL" FACTS

The Impact of Military Spending on Vital Needs at HOME!

1. The U.S. spends more on the military (\$753 billion in 2022) than the next 10 countries combined.
2. The U.S. ranks 1st in military spending, but 37th in the world in overall quality of healthcare.
3. The U.S. ranks 1st in military spending, but 29th in the world in infant mortality.
4. The U.S. ranks 1st in military spending, but 17th in the world in life expectancy.
5. The U.S. ranks 1st in military spending, but 32nd in the world in literacy, 31st in math and 23rd in sciences of all industrialized countries in the world.
6. The U.S. ranks 1st in military spending and has the 4th highest poverty rate...AND...
7. **THE U.S. RANKS 1ST IN THE WORLD IN MILITARY SPENDING, BUT IS THE ONLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WITHOUT UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE!!**
8. In 2022, the U.S. will spend over \$2 billion per day on the U.S. military, more than \$1 million every minute.
9. The U.S. is the largest weapons supplier, providing more than 36% of the world's arms exports.
10. The U.S. could easily cut \$350 billion from the military budget by closing overseas bases and ceasing to procure weapons that are ineffective and excessive, then use the money to support housing, healthcare and education.

Funds for human needs, not war!

Around half of all military spending goes not to the troops or their families but to military "contracting" corporations with multi-millionaire chief executive officers who are not required to document their income. Almost 3 years since the pandemic hit, killing hundreds of thousands and leaving many more in poverty, it is clear that U.S. funds must be redirected. It is **UNCONSCIONABLE** to send billions of dollars more to profit-seeking Pentagon contractors.

An agreement might be reached that the Pentagon, at the very least, is over-funded by 10% (\$75 billion per year).

How could we re-invest that money in the U.S.?

1. **End Homelessness:** House every one of the more than half a million homeless people in the U.S. at an annual cost of \$30,000 per person.
2. **COVID Testing:** Conduct 2 billion coronavirus tests, six free tests for every person in the U.S.
3. **Free College:** Fund free college education for 2 million low-income students.
4. **New Teachers:** Hire 900,000 public elementary school teachers – nine new teachers for every school.
5. **Unemployment Relief:** Send \$2,300 checks to 32 million unemployed people.
6. **Masks:** Purchase N95 face masks for all 55 million essential workers to use one a day for one entire year.

Sources: SIPRI, CIAworldfactbook.us, costofwar.com, World Health Org.
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Thank you

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fossil fuels some of the toxins are: bacteria, pathogens, metals such as lead and mercury, and per-and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances in foams used in firefighting.

Some examples of polluted areas are:

Marinara Islands: In 2016, after Pacific war games near the Marinara Islands, the military left behind tons of toxic waste – dumped into the ocean – including heavy metals, motor gasoline and chemicals harmful to humans and marine life. This dumping practice by the U.S. military has been going on there for decades.³

Pacifica, Asian Islands, Palau, Marshall Islands Micronesia: The colonial legacy and neo-colonization does exist. Compacts of Free Association are treaties with the United States that subject people to practices from the Department of Defense and armed forces: pollution and failure to report emissions.⁴

Red Hill Naval Base, Hawaii: On November 28, 2021 approximately 19,000 gallons of jet fuel and water leaked from underground fuel storage tanks at Red Hill Navy Base and contaminated two wells providing drinking water for over 93,000 persons. The tank complex sits only 100 feet above Honolulu's main aquifer. Many persons went to emergency rooms with rashes, vomiting and diarrhea.⁵

Okinawa, Japan: Extensive water contamination comes from chemicals contained in firefighting foams (PFAS) used on the military bases. Oil contamination comes from shuttling of fuel near Defense Department facilities on Okinawa, farmers' fields and

rivers that are polluted and have contaminated the drinking water sources of 450,000 residents.⁶ On Okinawa there is no official push for accountability and unlike in the U.S. where citizens have demanded action, active citizen groups are met with many barriers created by the U.S. military.

No Reporting = No Accountability

Note that the bases mentioned previously are not U.S. bases in Europe. Much of the pollution that is not reported is in the Pacific area. All of the bases worldwide have some pollution with burn pits and PFAS for firefighting and CO2 from jet fuel. But these bases are on Indigenous lands and the Indigenous populations are treated shabbily, to say the least, by the U.S., with long histories of colonization. This is true in Africa as well, where the U.S. military protects the interests of U.S. multinational corporations that virtually steal the resources of African countries. The people who live in these areas are already the most affected by the climate crisis and have the most yet to lose.

Some other examples of military contamination:

PFAS in toxic levels was found in the water at Minnesota's Camp Ripley and among most other military bases around the U.S.⁷

Depleted uranium (DU) is a radioactive by-product of uranium enrichment used to coat ammunition such as tank shells and "bunker busting" missiles because its density makes it ideal for piercing armor. DU was used extensively in wars in Iraq and was found to contaminate the water and soil and cause birth defects. It is also thought by some to be a cause of Gulf War Syndrome,

affecting many Iraq veterans.⁸

Burn Pits are the most common means of toxic exposure; they have been used extensively since 1990 to protect privacy and leave as little footprint behind as possible. Service members use jet fuel to burn waste including chemicals, paint, medical and human waste, metal/aluminum cans, munitions and other unexploded ordnance, petroleum and lubricant products, plastics, rubber, wood, and discarded food.⁹

Agent Orange is a herbicide and defoliant used extensively during the Vietnam War to remove the tree leaves and tropical foliage, affecting thousands of veterans and Vietnamese. Exposure can cause multiple cancers and other serious health problems. It is now affecting grandchildren.¹⁰

COP Conferences, the Paris Agreement, and Net Zero

In order to understand the role of the military it is necessary to look at the background of the United Nations COP conferences attended by nations worldwide and industrialists every year.

What is COP? COP stands for Conference of the Parties. In diplomatic language "the parties" refers to the 197 nations that agreed, at a meeting in 1992, to a new environmental pact, the United Nations Framework on Climate Change.¹¹ These are the meetings where representatives from the nations of the world and the industrialists make decisions. The 26th COP meeting was held in November 2021.

What is Net Zero? To "go net zero" is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or to ensure that any ongoing emissions are balanced by removal from the atmosphere

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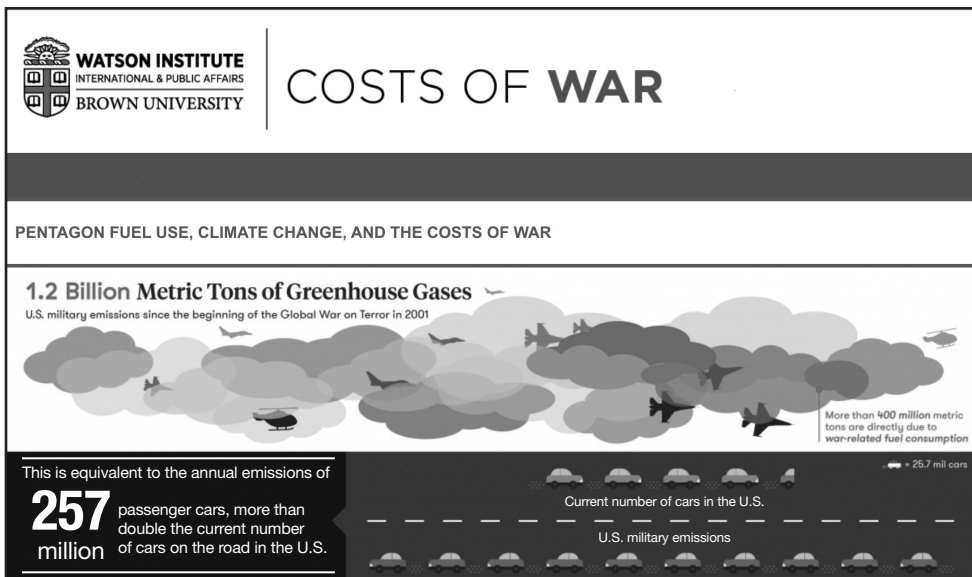
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so global warming stops.¹² COP21 in 2015 is best known for the Paris Agreement, which asked countries to go net zero to achieve this balance and also asked wealthy countries to give money to developing countries to help them reach net zero goals.¹³ When Donald Trump was chosen as president he delayed participation and finally turned his back on the whole Agreement.¹⁴

The military is the elephant in the room at all COP gatherings. For example, at COP26, independent reporter Abby Martin of *The Empire Files* confronted Nancy Pelosi for overseeing massive increases in the Pentagon – a greater polluter than 140 countries combined – while touting “historic” leadership on climate change and skirting around the issue of U.S. imperialism, stating clearly that “security” (military control) was most important, all the disastrous effects of the climate crisis were nothing but a big etcetera.¹⁵

Mia Motley, Prime Minister of Barbados, at the Opening Ceremony of COP26, November 1, 2021 sounded an alarm:

CODE RED. Code Red to the G7 countries. Code Red to the G20. Earth to COP – that’s what it said. Earth to COP. For those who have eyes to see, for those who have ears to listen, and for those who have a heart to feel, 1.5 is what we need to survive; 2 degrees . . . is a death sentence for the people of [the Global South.] We’ve come here today to say ‘try harder’ because [we] need our actions now, not next year, not in the next decade.¹⁶



U.S. military emissions from fuel use are often ignored in calculations about climate change.

In her speech she identified several areas that need to be heeded: nationalism, technology, and financing solutions to the climate crisis. She pointed out that these areas are dependent on technology that has not yet been developed, especially in the case of net zero, which is the inadequate plan of the industrialists that the U.S and other nations have signed onto, and is not the same as zero emissions, which means no emissions at all.

How can we trust technology even if it is successfully developed for net zero? How can we trust the Big Oil companies who, with inflated prices, collectively made 93.3 billion dollars in the first quarter of 2022.¹⁷

Let’s ask the families of some who died in the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico (2010) about how reliable technology is. Net zero is dependent on technology that has not yet been developed.¹⁸ To achieve what is called “the balance” with net zero is expensive, not guaranteed to be effective, and allows the Big Polluters their profits. It is a slow solution at best when a slow solution will not save the planet.

Military Omissions and Emissions

There’s a Pentagon-size hole in President Biden’s plans to cut government CO₂, carbon, and greenhouse gas emissions. Biden signed an executive order in January 2022 directing the government to reach 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050 [in line with COP26 goals]. It also calls for eliminating climate pollution from federal buildings and vehicles.¹⁹

But the executive order exempts anything related to national security, intelligence, or military combat and training. That means Biden’s order covers only a fraction of federal emissions. While military leaders insist they share the president’s decarbonization goal there is no plan for them to meet it. The military has actually done very little to decrease CO₂ emission and other pollutants, greenwashing their actions to end climate change. Since 2001, the military has accounted for 77 to 80 percent of federal energy use, according to a 2019 study released by Brown

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U.S. Cognitive Warfare: the Battle to Capture Our Minds

by Major Todd E. Pierce, Judge Advocate, U.S. Army (Ret.)

“NATO currently recognizes five warfighting domains: land, sea, air, space, and cyberspace. An increasing amount of literature suggests adding a sixth: the cognitive domain. The gap this new domain is supposed to fill is the territory fought over in the battle for the minds of a country’s population.”

—introduction to “Cognitive Warfare and the Use of Force,” from Stratagem, a Norwegian military-connected “think tank”

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is led by the U.S. with its military doctrine of Full Spectrum Dominance of control over all the territory in the world – and, as the quote above explains, that includes the territory of human consciousness, itself. In other words, the U.S. “warfighting domain” begins to be fought against “the cognitive domain.” It is deemed necessary to maintain the population’s “will,” lest we turn against our U.S. wars as happened when large numbers no longer supported the Vietnam War.*

The national security state’s battle within the cognitive domain of the American population was lost then, in 1971, over disclosures about that war.

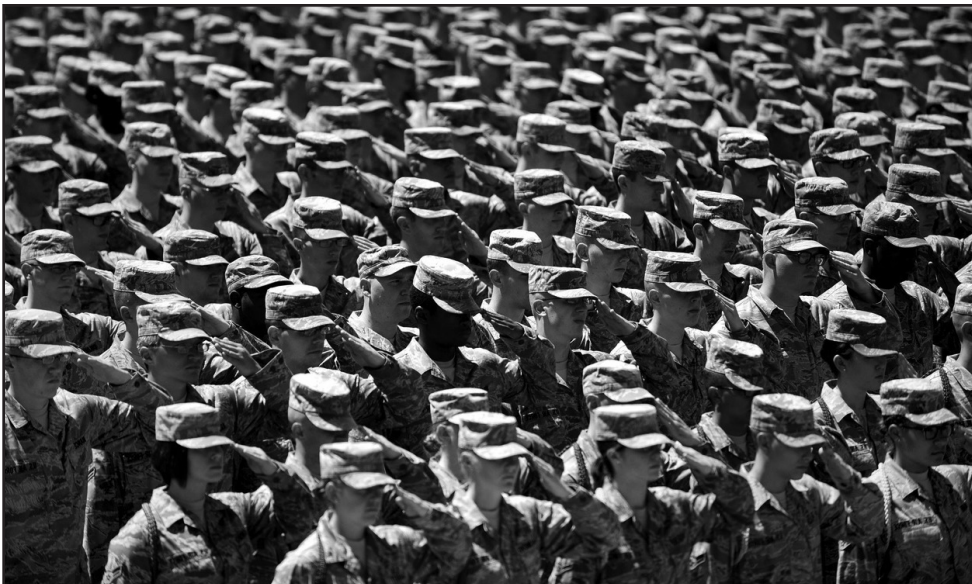
The narrow military concept of the “Kill Chain,” – identify the target, dispatch forces to the target, initiate the attack on the target, destroy the target – is much more expansive in the eyes of American militarists who have promoted U.S. wars since the end of the Cold War. One explains “quantum information technologies [advanced mathematics, science and technology] will have sweeping economic and social implications, but they will also have profound military applications that . . . will transform the entire kill chain – not just how militaries act but also the character of their understanding and decision making.” Long before there are boots on the ground or missiles in the sky, the U.S. population must be “conditioned” to go to and wage war. Beginning in the cognitive domain, U.S. culture, itself, is

part of the Kill Chain. While not new, it’s now taken to entirely new heights as “cognitive warfare,” against our own U.S. population.

Enculturating a Worldview

Historically, the cognitive domain or territory (our minds) has actually been the battle space of U.S. militarism and militarists. The hyper-militaristic culture of today was created largely by the combined elements of what President Eisenhower called the Military Industrial Complex, now extended to include the media, academia, think-tanks, etc., all working to “enculturate” the U.S. population into a militaristic *weltanschauung*, or worldview. This did not happen by accident but was, instead, the product of an unrelenting cognitive campaign, which can be traced, among other causes, to the formation of militaristic think tanks beginning at the end of WWII. The model was the Rand Corporation created by the U.S. Air Force.

With Rand leading the way, the U.S. military, the CIA, and other complementary think tanks, thereafter, elevated psychological warfare research and theory far above the “primitive” pioneers: Edward Bernays “the father of public relations” whose book, *Propaganda*, was published in 1928, and Abraham Maslow, who developed an “hierarchy of needs” in 1943 to explain human motivations. In fact, whether attributed to him or not, it was the 19th century German philosopher, Edmund Husserl, with the “science of consciousness” (which came to be known as “Phenomenology”),



Cognitive war is waged against the U.S. population to capture our minds and assimilate us thoroughly into a militaristic weltanschauung, or worldview.

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whose insight is exploited today for how to manipulate “mass consciousness,” though that wasn’t his intended purpose.

The 21st Century

In his 2012 book *Hearts and Minds: Israel and the Battle for Public Opinion*, Nachman Shai, an Israeli with his extensive experience in anti-Palestinian cognitive warfare, explained and promoted the advanced level to which cognitive warfare has been taken from its origins as mere propaganda.

He explained that in the expected 21st Century wars of the United States and its “allies,” the “principle effort will be the battle for consciousness.” He explained further that there “are various terms to describe the battle for consciousness.”

In Britain, it is called the fight for hearts and minds. The U.S. military uses the expressions: psychological warfare, perception management, influence management, and information operation. The idea speaks about consciousness: the strategy of limited conflict is to win a decision of consciousness in the society with the help of military means. The battle is for the society’s consciousness and for national resilience.

Furthermore, he stated, “Consciousness is not a natural and inherent concept but rather a structured process, continually shaped by interested parties and by those who wield wealth and power.” So, because our minds don’t remain in the same state all the time, they can be molded and manipulated by forces outside of them with an agenda.

The Cognitive Campaign

How this is done in its current terminology is described in a publication of the Israeli Institute for National Security Studies entitled: “The Cognitive Campaign: Strategic and Intelligence Perspectives.” Its preface states: “It is important to distinguish between cognition and the cognitive campaign.”

Cognition is the set of insights that an individual or individuals have regarding the surrounding reality and the way they want to shape it, derived from the set of values and beliefs through which they examine and interpret their environment and work to confront its inherent challenges, and even to change it.

In contrast, the **cognitive campaign** involves the actions and tools that *entities that are part of a certain campaign framework use to influence the cognition of target audiences or to prevent influence on them*. The purpose of the cognitive campaign is *to cause target audiences to adopt the perception of reality held by the side wielding the effort, so that it can more easily advance the strategic and/or operational objectives that it sees as critical*. The cognitive campaign can be negative, that is, prevent the development of undesirable cognitive states, or positive, with an attempt to produce the desired cognition. (Emphasis added.)

Two prominent examples of negative cognitive campaigns are *Wikileaks’* founder, Julian Assange, being imprisoned for years now, and whistleblower, Edward Snowden, forced to take refuge in a foreign country to avoid the same fate, as the U.S. silences them lest an “undesirable cognitive state”

develop while the U.S. population realizes that war crimes were committed, and citizens were spied on.

An example of a powerful “cognitive campaign” that was used to produce the desired cognition would be what political operative Karl Rove was alleged to have said about the United States: “We’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality.” This is not just a hubristic statement. In fact, such campaigns were always in the way that the CIA conducted post-WWII coups. Further, it can be speculated that, based on principals of CIA coups, cognitive campaigns were introduced into U.S. political races with the 1972 Nixon campaign by political consultant Arthur Finkelstein and his “Six Party Theory,” which broke demographics into six groups for targeting.

Perpetual War

As the authors of “The Cognitive Campaign: Strategic and Intelligence Perspectives” wrote:

The cognitive campaign is not new, and it is an inseparable aspect of every strategic and military conflict. In recent years, this struggle has played a much more important role than in past conflicts; at times it takes place without a direct military context and is not even led by military bodies. The cognitive campaign is a continuous campaign; its prominence is greater in the period between wars (as a part of the “campaign between wars”).

But, in fact, as these authors know, there is no such thing as “between wars” in Israel or the United States, with both countries in “Perpetual War,” regardless of the level of active hot war they are waging at

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any given moment; that's why cognitive campaigns must never stop.

The military strategist General Carl von Clausewitz wrote in his magnum opus, *On War*, that two different motives make men fight one another: hostile feelings and hostile intentions.

The U.S. government, with its militaristic civilian allies, has been at work waging aggressive cognitive war against the U.S. population for decades now, with the objective of "totalizing" a collective militaristic consciousness which can be mobilized for war anytime deemed desirable.

That's done by perpetually inciting "hostile feelings and hostile intentions," as has been done against Russia, China, Iran, et al., so that a war with either one, or all, can explode at any moment.

Major Todd E. Pierce, U.S. Army (Ret.), volunteered to serve as a Guantanamo defense attorney in 2008 and continued in that on active-Army duty until the end of 2012 when he had to retire. On a Guantanamo appellate team since 2009, he has continued to represent a Guantanamo prisoner. In that representation, he has regularly seen the U.S. "cognitive campaign" waged to conceal from the American public the illegality of the Military Commissions. Prior to becoming a Judge Advocate, he was trained as an Army Sr. PsyOps noncommissioned officer.

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Image: Mad Scientist Laboratory, a U.S. Army Initiative

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University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs.²⁰

In the webinar "Ecology of War," Prof. Neta Crawford, co-director of the Costs of War project at Brown University's Watson Institute, and Prof. Alan Robock discuss the role of the military in the climate crisis.²¹

Crawford says most technological innovations the military produce are only useful for military purposes: "I wouldn't want the military leading us to the green transition that we need. Commercial, that is civilian technology, would be much better suited to making a rapid transition."

Prof. Roback elaborates: "There's enough wind and sun on the earth to power the whole earth with solar panels and windmills, and we just

need a little bit better storage and ways to transmit it. So we don't need them to help, we need them to get out of the way and stop emitting CO2."

Neta Crawford goes on to say that "the climate crisis will kill people; it already is." The solution to global warming is to leave the fossil fuels in the ground and switch as quickly as we can to renewable sources:

We are up against two massive power centers though: the fossil fuel industry and the military-industrial complex. They make lots of money and have armies of lobbyists going to Congress telling them other things and giving them money so that they can run for re-election. It's very frustrating fighting against that, but that's what we're up against.

Addressing the climate crisis requires holding the

military-industrial-congressional complex accountable and dismantling that complex, as well as holding President Biden accountable for exempting the military from cutting federal emissions.

Michael T. Klare,²² whose latest book is *All Hell Breaking Loose: The Pentagon's Perspective on Climate Change*, offers a bleak view of what will happen if we follow the warfare states instead of choosing to save the planet – the latter being a track the leaders of state are now pursuing instead of cooperating around the climate crisis. While Biden frames perpetual war as being about freedom and democracy, others see it as raw imperialism – as U.S. corporate wars of hegemony and empire – and continued oppression by the ruling elites to maintain their own power and profits at great expense

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to the poorer countries on earth in the global south.

Above all, U.S. corporations continue to drag their feet as they have for decades now by not addressing climate change until it has become a climate crisis.

Another barrier is that prominent environmental groups and individuals do not make the connections between militarism and the climate crisis. Early on in their activism they thought they could sway major military and gas and oil corporations and thus did not wish to alienate them, a practice they still basically follow. However, many antiwar groups, including Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) and Veterans for Peace, have stepped forward to address militarism and the climate crisis.

In spite of the obstacles, activists are not without hope. Thousands of people representing many climate justice organizations worldwide attended COP26 and held their own conference. The growth of communities coming together to address climate issues and the peace and justice issues that go along with them is also work toward an equitable regenerative economy. The young people who will inherit this planet are stepping into organizing and resistance and solidarity is growing across the planet. These are all signs of hope.

ACTION:

WAMM's Military Madness Against the Earth (EMMAE) action group is a new committee looking for more members (call the WAMM office at 612-827-5364). On Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., join us in bannering at the Governor's Mansion to Stop Line 3 and related issues.

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Viva Cuba!

On May 12, the University of Minnesota (UMN) and the National School of Public Health (ENSAP) of Cuba signed a memorandum of understanding in Havana. This will enable professors and students to strengthen their academic and research ties, and allow the two institutions to collaborate in the areas of disease prevention, providing health services, training of professionals and epidemiological and medical research, as well as the development of joint lectures and symposiums, exchange of publications and bilateral visits of students and professors.

On May 26, the United States announced that it would lift some of the economic sanctions that were imposed by Trump. More sanctions need to be lifted but it will be of some help to the Cuban people and economy.

On June 3, the U.S. Department of Transportation ended restrictions

on civil aviation flights between the U.S. and Cuba.

In related news

To protest that Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua were not invited to the Summit of the Americas held in Los Angeles in June, Mexican President Manuel López Obrador refused to attend. Bolivia, Honduras, Guatemala, and some Caribbean countries also refused to attend.

While Biden opened the Summit of the Americas, more than 200 organizations of human rights defenders, environmental and social activists from Latin America and the United States convened an alternative People's Summit for Democracy in Los Angeles and a Workers' Summit was held in Tijuana. The Solidarity Committee on the Americas held an anti-imperialist protest in Minneapolis.



A banner during the Summit of Americas demands all sanctions and blockades lifted.

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Ongoing Peace/ Justice Vigils

Pipeline Blues Vigil (Stop Line 3)

Every Monday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Peace Vigil

Every Tuesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-379-7398.

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available on St. Paul side. Brief circle up for announcements after the vigil on St. Paul side. Sponsored by WAMM End War Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Grandmothers for Peace Vigil

Every Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 50th Street and Halifax (1 block west of France), Edina. FFI: Call Marian Wright 612-927-7607.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.
Vigil at the ICE entrance on 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. (Not far from Bishop Whipple Building where Immigration Court is held.) Park at the Ft. Snelling commuter light-rail parking lot. Sponsored by WAMM. Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.

Vigil at 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, (Minneapolis/St. Paul), 55111, outside the Bishop Whipple Building, where Immigration Court is held for five-state area. Prayer, song, courtwatch. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. FFI: mnicom.org

WAMM Action Groups

Board Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Domestic Militarism

Times/Date pending
FFI: 612-827-5364.

End Military Madness Against the Earth

Time/dates pending.
FFI: 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/ WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444 or Bill 612-926-8459.

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Friday via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Ongoing Events

Grandmothers for Peace

First Wednesday of every month, 12:45 p.m. via Zoom. Justice issue programs for understanding our role in changing systems. FFI: 701-260-7566.

WAMM Movies

During the pandemic, the Movie Committee is posting links to important movies available on line. Check WAMM's Calendar and Facebook page for details. FFI 612-827-5364.

Special Events

Three Shell River Reunions

June 17-19, July 15-17, August 26-28. Honor the Earth invites friends, allies, water protectors to join us for camping at the Shell City Campground. We will serve foods, provide opportunity to share updates on work to protect the Shell River, make plans to work together. For details go to <https://tinyurl.com/mvek6jdc>

No to NATO, No Nuclear War Rally

Tuesday, June 28, 5:00 p.m., in front of Sen. Klobuchar's office, 1200 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis. Sponsored by Minnesota Peace Action Coalition

How to Travel to Cuba Meeting

Wednesday, June 29, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA), who traveled to Cuba last February, is organizing a delegation to Cuba in the fall. Sharing info about our trip, will answer questions. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4f8by4ba> FFI: 612-827-5364

Open Streets Franklin

Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join WAMM in our effort to do outreach to grow the anti-war movement! We'll be hanging out with the Anti-War Committee and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. Feel free to stop by if you're there and get some literature, buttons, and a sticker! FFI: 612-827-5364.

WAMM 40th Anniversary Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal, St. Paul. See back cover ad for details. FFI: 612-827-5364

12 Days of Nonviolence

September 21 to October 2. Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. From the International Day of Peace (September 21) to the International Day of Nonviolence (October 2). WAMM action committees are participating in this worldwide movement. Details TBA.

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